2021 NFL DRAFT
INFORMATION GUIDE

PATRICK
X QUEEN
2020
1ST ROUND

J.K.
X DOBBINS
2020
2ND ROUND

NFL DRAFT 2021

2021 BALTIMORE RAVENS DRAFT PICKS (7)

FIRST	27TH
SECOND	58TH
THIRD	104TH (COMP)
FOURTH	131ST
FIFTH	171ST
FIFTH	184TH (COMP)
SIXTH	210TH

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"[The Draft] is the lifeblood of this organization, and we take it very seriously. We try to make it a science, we really do. But in the end, it's probably more of an art than a science. There's a lot of nuance involved. It's a big-picture thing. It's a lot of bits and pieces of information. It's gut instinct. It's experience, which I think is really, really important."

Eric DeCosta
Executive VP & General Manager
26th Season w/ Ravens, 3rd as EVP & GM

Ozzie Newsome
Executive Vice President
26th Season w/ Ravens

Joe Hortiz
Director of Player Personnel
24th Season w/ Ravens

George Kokinis
Director of Player Personnel
25th Season w/ Ravens

Pat Moriarty
Sr. VP of Football Operations

Vincent Newsome
Sr. Player Personnel Exec.

Nick Matteo
Director of Football Admin.

David McDonald
Dir. of Research & Develop.

Mark Azevedo
Asst. Dir. of College & Pro Pers.

David Blackburn
National Scout

Brandon Berning
MW/SW Area Scout

Joey Cleary
West Coast Area Scout

Andrew Raphael
Southeast Area Scout

Bobby Vega
East Area Scout

Kevin Weidl
SE/SW Area Scout

"Q" Attenoukon
College & Pro Scout

Corey Frazier
Pro Scout

Patrick McDonough
College & Pro Scout

Chas Stallard
College & Pro Scout

Patrick Williams
College & Pro Scout

Corey Krawiec
Mgr., Player Eval. & Analytics

Jenn Hoffman
Exec. Asst. to EVP & GM

Maggie Domanowski
Personnel Admin. Asst.

Sarah Mallepalle
Player Personnel Analyst

Derrick Yam
Quantitative Analyst

Terrell Parker
Football Ops. Asst.

ALWAYS MORE. NEVER LESS.

SUCCESS ACROSS THE BOARD

1ST — Jonathan Ogden ('96), Ray Lewis ('96), Peter Boulware ('97), Chris McAlister ('99), Jamal Lewis ('00), Todd Heap ('01), Ed Reed ('02), Terrell Suggs ('03), Haloti Ngata ('06), Ben Grubbs ('07), Joe Flacco ('08), Michael Oher ('09), Jimmy Smith ('11), C.J. Mosley ('14), Ronnie Stanley ('16), Marlon Humphrey ('17), Lamar Jackson ('18), Marquise Brown ('19), Patrick Queen ('20)

2ND — Jamie Sharper ('97), Anthony Weaver ('02), Ray Rice ('08), Paul Kruger ('09), Torrey Smith ('11), Courtney Upshaw ('12), Kelechi Osemele ('12), Tyus Bowser ('17), J.K. Dobbins ('20)

3RD — Casey Rabach ('01), Marshal Yanda ('07), Lardarius Webb ('09), Brandon Williams ('13), Orlando Brown Jr. ('18), Mark Andrews ('18)

4TH — Edwin Mulitalo ('99), Edgerton Hartwell ('01), Jarret Johnson ('03), Le'Ron McClain ('07), Dennis Pitta ('10), Kyle Juszczyk ('13), Za'Darius Smith ('15), Tavon Young ('16)

5TH — Jermaine Lewis ('96), Dawan Landry ('06), Arthur Jones ('10), Pernell McPhee ('11), Rick Wagner ('13), Nick Boyle ('15), Matthew Judon ('16)

6TH — Adalius Thomas ('00), Chester Taylor ('02), Sam Koch ('06), Tyrod Taylor ('11), Ryan Jensen ('13), Darren Waller ('15), Chuck Clark ('17), Bradley Bozeman ('18), DeShon Elliott ('18)

7TH — DeAngelo Tyson ('12), Michael Campanaro ('14), Zach Sieler ('18)

RFA — Mike Flynn ('97), Priest Holmes ('97), Will Demps ('02), Bart Scott ('02), Ma'ake Kemoeatu ('02), Jameel McClain ('08), Dannell Ellerbe ('09), Morgan Cox ('10), Justin Tucker ('12), James Hurst ('14), Zach Orr ('14), Patrick Onwuasor ('16), Michael Pierce ('16), Matt Skura ('16), Patrick Ricard ('17), Chris Board ('18), Gus Edwards ('18)

CHUCK CLARK
2017 6TH-ROUND PICK

NICK BOYLE
2015 5TH-ROUND PICK

MARLON HUMPHREY
2017 1ST-ROUND PICK

ORLANDO BROWN JR.
2018 3RD-ROUND PICK

MARK ANDREWS
2018 3RD-ROUND PICK

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In two full seasons (2019-20) as the Ravens' executive vice president and general manager, Eric DeCosta has constructed rosters that have yielded back-to-back playoff berths, 26 combined total victories (tied, with NO for the NFL's third most) and a league-best 20 Pro Bowl selections. These teams have received notable contributions from rookie draft picks – such as WR Marquise Brown, LB Patrick Queen and RB J.K. Dobbins – making Baltimore an annual Super Bowl contender.

In 2021, DeCosta is directing his third NFL Draft. If history repeats itself, Eric, directors of player personnel Joe Hortiz and George Kokinis and EVP Ozzie Newsome and Co. will tab players who will make immediate and long-lasting impacts on the Ravens' continued success.

Baltimore's process includes 25 full-time members of the scouting department and receives valuable input from its coaches. Much of the staff has been with the franchise since its 1996 inception or has graduated from the "20/20 Club." The group includes members who began with the Ravens as young assistants and grew into evaluators with more input. The term refers to hiring "20-year-olds for $20,000." "Actually, the guys started when they were a little older than 20 and for more than $20,000, but that's what we call them," Newsome explained. (DeCosta is a graduate of the "20/20 Club.")

The Ravens do not belong to the National Football Scouting group, which provides member teams a list of and reports on players eligible for the draft. "We make our own list, and that means we look at all players on a college roster," DeCosta notes.

Baltimore's personnel department includes a large support staff that helps handle the load. "We do a lot of cross-checking," DeCosta states. "A number of us look at everyone, and then we have the area scouts look at certain players from other regions so we get multiple grades and opinions on all of the players."

Once the Ravens define a player as a "draftable" talent, John Harbaugh and his staff are assigned to add more study, which could include visits and workouts with some of the players.

"Over the years, Ozzie has assembled such a good, hard-working personnel staff, but what has made it even better is the enthusiasm and thorough work done by Coach Harbaugh and his staff," DeCosta affirms. "Their input has had impact on our board and will again within this draft."

The process has always encouraged scouts and coaches to have strong opinions. "We have very open dialogue. We want everyone's opinion, especially from the scouts who have looked at the players the longest. Another strength of our room is that we respect and listen to each other," Newsome says.

Baltimore's scouting staff always talks about taking the "highest-rated player on our board" when it comes time to select a player. The Ravens' history proves that. When it had a Pro Bowl left tackle with Tony Jones, Baltimore selected Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden, who was the first pick (fourth overall in '96) in team history. When the Ravens had Pro Bowl players like Priest Holmes, Shannon Sharpe and Mark Ingram II, the Ravens selected Jamal Lewis and Todd Heap in the first round and Dobbins in the second.

"We have a lot of confidence in our staff," DeCosta declares. "I believe we have the league's best scouts, and our process makes draft day efficient, exhilarating and fun. The work we put in throughout the year allows us to feel confident and prepared as we take that next step to strengthen our team each April."

MOST DRAFT CHOICES TO EARN AP FIRST-TEAM ALL-PRO SINCE 1996 / RAVENS INCEPTION

Rk.	Team	Players
1.	Pittsburgh Steelers	17
2.	New England Patriots	16
3.	**Baltimore Ravens**	**15**
	San Francisco 49ers	15

- ✗ Marlon Humphrey^ (1)
- ✗ Lamar Jackson^ (1)
- ✗ Jamal Lewis (1)
- ✗ Jermaine Lewis (1)
- ✗ Ray Lewis (7)

(1st-Team All-Pros)

- ✗ Chris McAlister (1)
- ✗ Le'Ron McClain (1)
- ✗ Haloti Ngata (2)
- ✗ Jonathan Ogden (4)
- ✗ Kelechi Osemele* (1)

(* w/ Raiders)

- ✗ Ed Reed (5)
- ✗ Ronnie Stanley^ (1)
- ✗ Terrell Suggs (1)
- ✗ Adalius Thomas (1)
- ✗ Marshal Yanda (2)

(^ Current Raven)

The Ravens have produced five AP Player of the Year honors and one AP NFL MVP. Baltimore has also had two players earn Defensive ROY, two garner Super Bowl MVP honors and three selected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. All of these players (below) are Ravens draft picks.

Draft Pick (Year)	Major Accolades
Jonathan Ogden (1996)	Pro Football Hall of Fame (2013)
Ray Lewis (1996)	2000 & 2003 Def. POY; SB XXXV MVP; Pro Football HOF (2018)
Peter Boulware (1997)	1997 Defensive Rookie of the Year
Jamal Lewis (2000)	2003 Offensive Player of the Year
Ed Reed (2002)	2004 Defensive POY; Pro Football HOF (2019)
Terrell Suggs (2003)	2003 Defensive ROY; 2011 Defensive POY
Joe Flacco (2008)	Super Bowl XLVII MVP
Lamar Jackson (2018)	2019 NFL MVP

Lamar Jackson
1st Round: 2018

2019 NFL MVP & First-Team All-Pro

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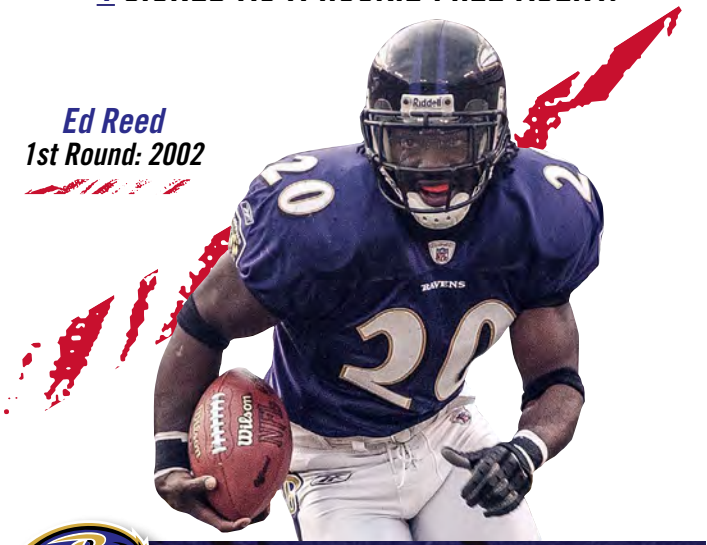
RAVENS HOMEGROWN PRO BOWLERS

Year Drafted (Rd.)	Name	Pro Bowls
1996 (1st)	LB Ray Lewis	13
1996 (1st)	T Jonathan Ogden	11
2002 (1st)	S Ed Reed	9
2007 (3rd)	G Marshal Yanda	8
2003 (1st)	OLB Terrell Suggs	7
2006 (1st)	DT Haloti Ngata	5
1997 (1st)	OLB Peter Boulware	4
2010 (RFA)	**LS Morgan Cox #**	**4**
2014 (1st)	LB C.J. Mosley	4
2012 (RFA)	**K Justin Tucker #**	**4**
1999 (1st)	CB Chris McAlister	3
2008 (2nd)	RB Ray Rice	3
2018 (3rd)	**T Orlando Brown Jr.**	**2**
2001 (1st)	TE Todd Heap	2
2017 (1st)	**CB Marlon Humphrey**	**2**
2016 (5th)	**OLB Matthew Judon**	**2**
1996 (5th)	WR/RS Jermaine Lewis	2
2007 (4th)	FB Le'Ron McClain	2
2017 (RFA)	**FB Patrick Ricard #**	**2**
2000 (6th)	OLB Adalius Thomas	2
2018 (3rd)	TE Mark Andrews	1
2007 (1st)	G Ben Grubbs	1
2018 (1st)	QB Lamar Jackson	1
2013 (4th)	FB Kyle Juszczyk	1
2006 (6th)	P Sam Koch	1
2000 (1st)	RB Jamal Lewis	1
2002 (RFA)	LB Bart Scott #	1
2016 (1st)	T Ronnie Stanley	1
2013 (3rd)	DT Brandon Williams	1

Undrafted rookie free agent **Bold indicates 2020 Pro Bowler**

THE RAVENS HAVE HAD 50 DIFFERENT PLAYERS EARN PRO BOWL HONORS SINCE THE TEAM'S 1996 INCEPTION. OF THOSE, 29 ARE HOMEGROWN – 25 DRAFTED AND 4 SIGNED AS A ROOKIE FREE AGENT.

Ed Reed
1st Round: 2002



Nine-Time Pro Bowler & Hall of Famer

Ray Lewis
1st Round: 1996

Ravens' 2nd-Ever Pick & Hall of Famer

Baltimore has drafted three players (Jonathan Ogden, Ray Lewis & Ed Reed) who were selected to the Hall of Fame. For Ogden & Lewis, it was the first time ever two players were drafted in the same round (1st in 1996) by a team and reached the HOF in their initial year of eligibility.

The Ravens have tabbed 26 players in the first round. These picks have earned 65 combined Pro Bowls, multiple POTY Awards, an NFL MVP honor, two Super Bowl MVPs and three HOF selections.

RAVENS ALL-TIME FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

Year	Name	Pick	Pro Bowls
1996	T Jonathan Ogden* –	4	11
1996	LB Ray Lewis++ ~ –	26	13
1997	LB Peter Boulware*	4	4
1998	CB Duane Starks	10	
1999	CB Chris McAlister	10	3
2000	RB Jamal Lewis*=	5	1
2000	WR Travis Taylor	10	
2001	TE Todd Heap	31	2
2002	S Ed Reed*+ –	24	9
2003	OLB Terrell Suggs*+	10	7
2003	QB Kyle Boller	19	
2005	WR Mark Clayton*	22	
2006	DT Haloti Ngata*	12	5
2007	G Ben Grubbs*	29	2
2008	QB Joe Flacco^ ~	18	
2009	T Michael Oher*	23	
2011	CB Jimmy Smith	27	
2013	S Matt Elam	32	
2014	LB C.J. Mosley*	17	4
2015	WR Breshad Perriman	26	
2016	T Ronnie Stanley	6	1
2017	CB Marlon Humphrey	16	2
2018	TE Hayden Hurst	25	
2018	QB Lamar Jackson%	32	1
2019	WR Marquise Brown	25	
2020	LB Patrick Queen*	28	

% NFL MVP ~ Super Bowl MVP + Defensive Player of the Year
= Offensive Player of the Year – Pro Football Hall of Fame
* All-Rookie Team ^ NFL Rookie of the Year (Fan Vote)

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"Three guarantees in life: Death, taxes and the Ravens ruling the draft." – Adam Schein, NFL.com

DRAFT DETAILS

• The 86th annual NFL Draft will take place April 29-May 1 across iconic downtown Cleveland locations, including FirstEnergy Stadium, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Great Lakes Science Center.

• A select number of prospects will take the stage in Cleveland, while fans, media, NFL Network, ESPN and ABC crews will also be onsite to broadcast the event. Building on the success of last year's virtual draft, additional prospects will also participate in festivities remotely from their homes around the country.

DATES/TIMES

• Round 1: Thursday, April 29 at 8 p.m. ET
• Rounds 2-7: Saturday, May 1 at 12 p.m. ET

• The NFL will build upon its 2020 Draft-A-Thon, utilizing the 2021 Draft as a platform to help communities most affected by the pandemic. G Bradley Bozeman, the team's 2020 Walter Payton Man of the Year recipient, will participate in the event.

• Club personnel involved in the Draft process will be permitted to gather, while following appropriate protocols, in a room at a location of their choosing, whether that be their facility or elsewhere.

Brandon Williams
3rd Round: 2013

2018 Pro Bowler

"The thing about Eric [DeCosta] is he's highly intelligent. But on top of that, he was very eager and remains that way – eager to learn, listen, look, watch what other people do. Seems like people who have that ability tend to move forward in whatever profession they're in."

– Iowa head coach & former Ravens assistant Kirk Ferentz

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICK BREAKDOWN

(25 Ravens Drafts - 211 Picks)

Schools w/ Most Selections	Alabama (11) & Oklahoma (11)
Offensive Players Selected	114
Defensive Players Selected	94
Specialists Selected	3
First-Round Offensive Players	14
First-Round Defensive Players	12
Homegrown Pro Bowl Players	25
First-Team All-Pro Players	15
Hall of Famers	3 (Jonathan Ogden, Ray Lewis, Ed Reed)
NFL MVP	1 (Lamar Jackson)
Defensive POY	3 (R. Lewis - twice, E. Reed, T. Suggs)
Offensive POY	1 (Jamal Lewis)
Defensive ROY	2 (Peter Boulware, Terrell Suggs)
Super Bowl MVP	2 (Ray Lewis, Joe Flacco)

DRAFT SELECTIONS BY POSITION

QB	13	DT	16
RB	16	CB	18
FB	5	LB	20
WR	31	OLB/DE	23
TE	13	S	17
T	11	P	2
G	19	K	0
C	6	LS	1

Many standout players originally drafted by the Ravens have gone on to earn long-term and lucrative second contracts with other teams. Below is a list of such players drafted since 2010.

Draft Pick (Year)	New FA Team / Reported Contract
DT Arthur Jones ('10)	Colts / 5 years, $33 million
WR Torrey Smith ('11)	49ers / 5 years, $40 million
OLB Pernell McPhee ('11)	Bears / 5 years, $38.75 million
QB Tyrod Taylor ('11)*	Bills / 2 years (6-year ext.), $92 million
G Kelechi Osemele ('12)**	Raiders / 5 years, $58.5 million
FB Kyle Juszczyk ('13)****	49ers / 4 years, $21 million
T Rick Wagner ('13)	Lions / 5 years, $47.5 million
C Ryan Jensen ('13)	Bucs / 4 years, $42 million
LB C.J. Mosley ('14)	Jets / 5 years, $85 million
OLB Za'Darius Smith ('15)**	Packers / 4 years, $66 million
OLB Matthew Judon ('16)	Patriots / 4 years, $56 million

* Pro Bowls with new team

RAVENS PICKS BY SCHOOL

Alabama 11, Arizona 2, Arizona State 2, Auburn 1, Ball State 1, Baylor 1, Boise State 1, Bowling Green 1, BYU 2, California 2, Cal Poly 1, Central Florida 3, Central Missouri State 1, Cincinnati 2, Coastal Carolina 1, Colorado 3, Colorado State 1, Colorado State - Pueblo 1, Delaware 3, East Carolina 2, Eastern Washington 1, Elon 1, Ferris State 1, Florida 4, Florida International 1, Florida State 3, Georgia 2, Georgia Tech 5, Grand Valley State 1, Harvard 1, Houston 1, Illinois 1, Indiana 2, Iowa 3, Iowa State 1, Kansas State 2, Kentucky 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Louisville 4, LSU 1, Maryland 3, Miami (FL) 6, Michigan 4, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 1, Mississippi State 2, Missouri Southern State 1, Montana 1, Morehouse 1, Navy 1, Nebraska 2, New Mexico 2, New Mexico State 2, Nicholls State 1, Norfolk State 1, North Carolina 1, Northern Arizona 1, Northwestern 1, Northwestern State 1, Notre Dame 7, Ohio State 4, Ohio University 1, Oklahoma 11, Oklahoma State 1, Oregon 4, Oregon State 2, Penn State 4, Rutgers 1, San Diego State 1, South Carolina 1, South Carolina State 1, Southern California 2, Southern Methodist 1, Southern Mississippi 2, Southwest Louisiana 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, Syracuse 3, Temple 2, Tennessee 4, Tennessee State 1, Texas 5, Texas A&M 3, Texas Christian 1, Texas Southern 1, Texas Tech 2, Toledo 1, Trinity International 1, UCLA 3, Utah 3, UTEP 1, Virginia 5, Virginia Tech 4, Wagner 1, Wake Forest 2, Washington State 1, Weber State 2, Western Illinois 1, Wisconsin 2, Wyoming 1

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2021 NFL FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER

(as of April 18)

Pick	Team	2020 Record
1.	Jacksonville	1-15
2.	NY Jets	2-14
3.	San Francisco (via Mia., via Hou.)	6-10
4.	Atlanta	4-12
5.	Cincinnati	4-11-1
6.	Miami (via Phi.)	10-6
7.	Detroit	5-11
8.	Carolina	5-11
9.	Denver	5-11
10.	Dallas	6-10
11.	NY Giants	6-10
12.	Philadelphia (via Mia., via SF)	4-11-1
13.	LA Chargers	7-9
14.	Minnesota	7-9
15.	New England	7-9
16.	Arizona	8-8
17.	Las Vegas	8-8
18.	Miami	10-6
19.	Washington	7-9
20.	Chicago	8-8
21.	Indianapolis	11-5
22.	Tennessee	11-5
23.	NY Jets (via Sea.)	2-14
24.	Pittsburgh	12-4
25.	Jacksonville (via LAR)	1-15
26.	Cleveland	11-5
27.	Baltimore	11-5
28.	New Orleans	12-4
29.	Green Bay	13-3
30.	Buffalo	13-3
31.	Kansas City	14-2
32.	Tampa Bay	11-5

RAVENS DRAFT PICKS ON CURRENT ROSTER

1st Round (6)

Name	Drafted - Year
CB Jimmy Smith	1 (27th) - 2011
T Ronnie Stanley	1 (6th) - 2016
CB Marlon Humphrey	1 (16th) - 2017
QB Lamar Jackson	1b (32nd) - 2018
WR Marquise Brown	1 (25th) - 2019
LB Patrick Queen	1 (28th) - 2020

2nd Round (2)

OLB Tyus Bowser	2 (47th) - 2017
RB J.K. Dobbins	2 (55th) - 2020

3rd Round (9)

DT Brandon Williams	3 (94th) - 2013
T Orlando Brown Jr.	3a (83rd) - 2018
TE Mark Andrews	3b (86th) - 2018
OLB Jaylon Ferguson	3a (85th) - 2019
WR Miles Boykin	3b (93rd) - 2019
DT Justin Madubuike	3a (71st) - 2020
WR Devin Duvernay	3b (92nd) - 2020
LB Malik Harrison	3c (98th) - 2020
G/T Tyre Phillips	3d (106th) - 2020

4th Round (6)

CB Tavon Young	4a (104th) - 2016
CB Anthony Averett	4a (118th) - 2018
RB Justice Hill	4a (113th) - 2019
G Ben Powers	4b (123rd) - 2019
CB Iman Marshall	4c (127th) - 2019
G Ben Bredeson	4 (143rd) - 2020

5th Round (3)

OLB Pernell McPhee	5b (165th) - 2011
TE Nick Boyle	5a (171st) - 2015
DT Broderick Washington	5 (170th) - 2020

6th Round (6)

P Sam Koch	6a (203rd) - 2006
S Chuck Clark	6 (186th) - 2017
S DeShon Elliott	6a (190th) - 2018
G/C Bradley Bozeman	6c (215th) - 2018
QB Trace McSorley	6 (197th) - 2019
WR/RS James Proche II	6 (201st) - 2020

7th Round (1)

S Geno Stone	7 (219th) - 2020

TIMING OF THE ROUNDS

- The 2020 NFL Draft's first round kicked off at 8:16 p.m. ET and was completed at 12:10 a.m. ET (3 hours, 54 minutes).
- Longest first round since 1967: 2007 (6 hours, 8 minutes)
- Shortest first round since 1967: 1972 (2 hours)
- As first implemented in 2008, teams are allowed 10 minutes to draft in the first round, 7 minutes in the second, 5 minutes in the third-sixth and 4 minutes in the seventh.

First Round: 10 minutes
Second Round: 7 minutes
Third-Sixth Rounds: 5 minutes
Seventh Round: 4 minutes

Marshal Yanda
3rd Round: 2007

Eight-Time Pro Bowler & All-Pro

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Jonathan Ogden
1st Round: 1996
11-Time Pro Bowler & Hall of Famer

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RAVENS "20/20 CLUB" GRADUATES
(Current Personnel Staff)

Name	Joined Ravens	Current Title
George Kokinis	1991 (w/ Browns)	Dir. of Player Personnel
Eric DeCosta	1996	EVP & General Manager
Joe Hortiz	1998	Dir. of Player Personnel
Mark Azevedo	2005	Asst. Dir. of Col. & Pro Pers.
David Blackburn	2007	National Scout
Andrew Raphael	2013	Southeast Area Scout
Brandon Berning	2015	Midwest/SW Area Scout
Joey Cleary	2015	West Area Scout
Patrick Williams	2016	College & Pro Scout
Corey Frazier	2017	Pro Scout
"Q" Attenoukon	2017	College & Pro Scout
Patrick McDonough	2018	College & Pro Scout
Chas Stallard	2018	College & Pro Scout

"Eric DeCosta works hard and does a great job. He's been with this organization for a long time. ... Eric helped build a Super Bowl winner, all under the leadership of Ozzie Newsome, who is a Hall of Fame player and a Hall of Fame GM."
– Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN

COMPENSATORY PICKS

Under the rules for compensatory selections, a team losing more or better compensatory free agents than it acquires in the previous year is eligible to receive compensatory picks.

Compensatory free agents are determined by a formula based on salary, playing time and postseason honors. The formula was developed by the NFL Management Council. Not every free agent lost or signed by a club is covered by this formula. No club may receive more than four compensatory picks in any one year.

In addition to the 33 compensatory selections, four special compensatory picks were awarded to teams as part of an initiative that provides the prior employer-club of a minority employee who has been hired by another club as its head coach or primary football executive (GM) to receive compensation in the form of a third-round draft pick.

Most Compensatory Picks for UFAs Lost / Since 1994

1. Baltimore. 53
2. Dallas. 47
3. New England 46
4. Green Bay 45
5. Los Angeles Rams 39

2021 NFL COMPENSATORY PICKS

Round	Selection	Team
3	33-96	New England
3	34-97	LA Chargers
3	35-98	New Orleans
3	36-99	Dallas
3	37-100	Tennessee
3	38-101	Detroit (via LAR)
3	39-102*	San Francisco
3	40-103*	LA Rams
3	**41-104***	**Baltimore**
3	42-105*	New Orleans
4	33-138	Dallas
4	34-139	New England
4	35-140	Pittsburgh
4	36-141	LA Rams
4	37-142	Green Bay
4	38-143	Minnesota
4	39-144	Kansas City
5	33-177	New England
5	34-178	Green Bay
5	35-179	Dallas
5	36-180	San Francisco
5	37-181	Kansas City
5	38-182	Atlanta
5	39-183	Atlanta
5	**40-184**	**Baltimore**
6	33-217	Tampa Bay
6	34-218	New Orleans
6	35-219	Atlanta
6	36-220	Green Bay
6	37-221	Chicago
6	38-222	Carolina
6	39-223	Minnesota
6	40-224	Philadelphia
6	41-225	Philadelphia
6	42-226	Carolina
6	43-227	Dallas
6	44-228	Chicago

* minority HC/GM hiring compensatory initiative

Sam Koch
6th Round (comp.): 2006
2015 Pro Bowler

RAVENS ALL-TIME DRAFT CHOICES

1996

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	4	G/T	Jonathan Ogden	UCLA
1b	26	LB	Ray Lewis	Miami
2b	55	CB	DeRon Jenkins	Tennessee
5b	153	WR	Jermaine Lewis	Maryland
6a	172	LB	Dexter Daniels	Florida
6b	186	WR	James Roe	Norfolk State
7b	238	QB	Jon Stark	Trinity Intl.

Obtained second 1st-round choice (26) from SF along with 49ers 1995 1st-, 3rd- and 4th- (from KC) round picks for Cle. 1995 1st-round pick (obtained from Atl. for RB Eric Metcalf and Cle. original 1995 1st-round pick). First 2nd-round choice (35) was traded to TB for TE Harold Bishop. Obtained second 2nd-round choice (55) from Den. for 1996 3rd-, 4th- and 7th-round picks. First 5th-round choice (136) was traded to NO for DB Reginald Jones. Obtained second 5th-round pick (153) from Atl. for G Gene Williams. Third 5th-round choice (157) obtained from Phi. to Dal. for 1997 4th-round pick. Obtained second 6th-round choice (186) from Jax. (supplemental) along with Jaguars 1995 5th-round pick for Cle. 1995 4th-round pick. Obtained second 7th-round choice (238) from Phi. for DL Ronnie Dixon.

1997

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	4	LB	Peter Boulware	Florida State
2a	34	LB	Jamie Sharper	Virginia
2b	58	S	Kim Herring	Penn State
3	64	RB	Jay Graham	Tennessee
4b	118	LB	Tyrus McCloud	Louisville
5	134	C	Jeff Mitchell	Florida
6a	167	FB	Steve Lee	Indiana
6b	194	LB	Cornell Brown*	Virginia Tech
7a	205	DE	Chris Ward	Kentucky
7b	234	QB	Wally Richardson*	Penn State
7c	236	S	Ralph Staten*	Alabama
7d	238	DT	Leland Taylor*	Louisville

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (58) from Den. for T Tony Jones. First 4th-round choice (100) was traded to Atl. through Sea. for G Jeff Blackshear. Obtained second 4th-round pick from Dal. for 1996 5th-round pick (obtained from Phi.).

1998

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Duane Starks	Miami
2	42	WR	Patrick Johnson	Oregon
5a	124	DT	Martin Chase	Oklahoma
5b	133	S	Ryan Sutter	Colorado
6a	154	LB	Ron Rogers	Georgia Tech
6b	164	T	Sammy Williams	Oklahoma
7b	241	TE	Cam Quayle*	Weber State

Traded 3rd-round choice (71) along with 1998 4th-round pick (93) to Ind. for QB Jim Harbaugh and Colts 1998 4th-round pick. Traded first 4th-round choice (from Ind.) to Ind. for 1998 4th-, 5th- and 6th-round picks. Traded second 4th-round pick (104) to TB for 1999 3rd-round pick. Traded first 7th-round choice (199) to Atl. through Pit. for OL Bernard Dafney.

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1999

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Chris McAlister	Arizona
4a	105	WR	Brandon Stokley	SW Louisiana
4b	129	G	Edwin Mulitalo*	Arizona
7	216	S	Anthony Poindexter	Virginia

Traded 2nd-round choice (42) to Atl. for Atl. 2000 1st-round pick. Traded 3rd-round pick (72) to Det. along with cond. 2000 5th-round pick for QB Scott Mitchell. Traded 5th-round choice (145) to STL along with 2000 7th-round pick for QB Tony Banks. Traded first 6th-round choice (180) to NE for TE Lovett Purnell. Traded second 6th-round choice (185, from Ind.) to Min. for OL Everett Lindsay.

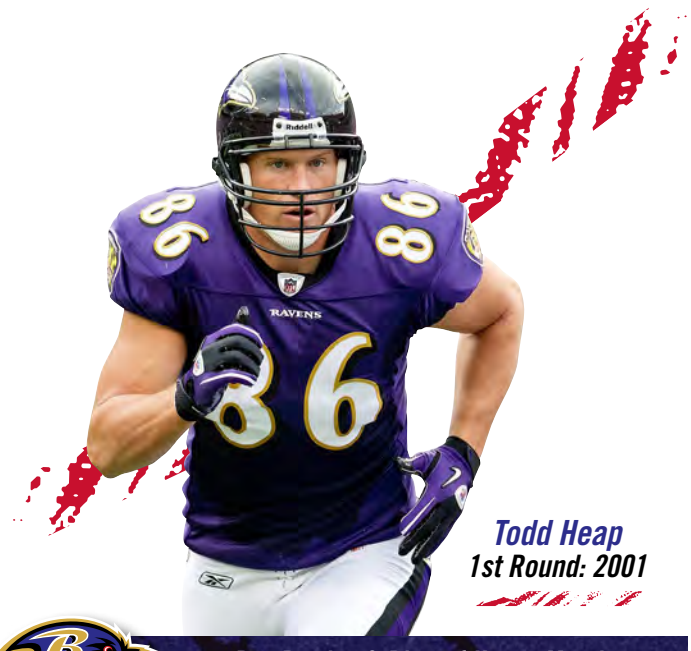
2000

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	5	RB	Jamal Lewis	Tennessee
1b	10	WR	Travis Taylor	Florida
3	75	QB	Chris Redman	Louisville
5	148	OL	Richard Mercier	Miami
6a	186	DE	Adalius Thomas	So. Mississippi
6b	191	DT	Cedric Woodard	Texas

Acquired first 1st-round pick (5) from Atl. for a 1999 2nd-round choice.

2001

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	31	TE	Todd Heap	Arizona State
2	62	DB	Gary Baxter	Baylor
3	92	C/G	Casey Rabach	Wisconsin
4	126	LB	Edgerton Hartwell	W. Illinois
5	161	RB	Chris Barnes	New Mexico State
6	194	LS	Joe Maese	New Mexico
7	231	DE	Dwayne Missouri	Northwestern



Todd Heap
1st Round: 2001

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2002

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	24	S	Ed Reed	Miami
2	52	DE	Anthony Weaver	Notre Dame
4a	112	P	Dave Zastudil	Ohio
4b	123	WR	Ron Johnson	Minnesota
5	155	TE	Terry Jones	Alabama
6a	195	DB	Lamont Brightful	E. Washington
6b	206	WR	Javin Hunter*	Notre Dame
6c	207	RB	Chester Taylor*	Toledo
6d	209	S	Chad Williams*	So. Mississippi
7	236	QB	Wes Pate	Stephen F. Austin

Traded 3rd-round choice (96) to Den. for 4th- (112) and 5th-round (155) picks (Bal. traded its 5th [159] to Was. to draft Weaver).

2003

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	10	LB	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1b	19	QB	Kyle Boller	California
3	77	RB	Musa Smith	Georgia
4a	109	LB	Jarret Johnson	Alabama
4b	134	FB	Ovie Mughelli*	Wake Forest
5a	146	DT	Aubrayo Franklin	Tennessee
5b	173	T	Tony Pashos*	Illinois
6	182	S	Gerome Sapp	Notre Dame
7a	223	TE	Trent Smith	Oklahoma
7b	250	C	Mike Mabry*	Central Florida
7c	258	S	Antwoine Sanders*	Utah

Traded 2nd-round choice (41) to NE with 2004 1st-round pick for NE's 1st-round pick (19/Boller).

2004

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2	51	DT	Dwan Edwards	Oregon State
3	82	WR	Devard Darling	Washington St.
5	153	OLB	Roderick Green	Cen. Missouri St.
6a	187	QB	Josh Harris	Bowling Green
6b	199	WR	Clarence Moore*	N. Arizona
7a	244	WR	Derek Abney*	Kentucky
7b	246	G	Brian Rimpf*	East Carolina

Traded 1st-round pick to NE for Pats' 2003 1st-round selection (19) to draft QB Kyle Boller. Traded 4th-round pick (120) to Jax. for WR Kevin Johnson.

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2005

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	22	WR	Mark Clayton	Oklahoma
2a	53	OLB	Dan Cody	Oklahoma
2b	64	T	Adam Terry	Syracuse
4	124	G/C	Jason Brown	North Carolina
5	158	FB	Justin Green	Montana
6	213	QB	Derek Anderson*	Oregon State
7	234	LB	Mike Smith	Texas Tech

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (64) from NE in exchange for Ravens 3rd- (84) and 6th-round (195) picks in 2005 and a 3rd-round selection in 2006.

2006

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	12	DT	Haloti Ngata	Oregon
2	56	C/G	Chris Chester	Oklahoma
3	87	CB	David Pittman	NW State
4a	111	WR	Demetrius Williams	Oregon
4b	132	RB	P.J. Daniels*	Georgia Tech
5a	146	S	Dawan Landry	Georgia Tech
5b	166	TE	Quinn Sypniewski*	Colorado
6a	203	P	Sam Koch*	Nebraska
6b	208	CB	Derrick Martin*	Wyoming
7	219	LB/DE	Ryan LaCasse	Syracuse

Obtained 1st-round choice (12) from Cle. for Baltimore's 1st-round (13) and 6th-round (181) picks. Obtained 2nd-round (56) and 3rd-round (87) choices from the N.Y. Giants for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (44).

2007

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	29	G	Ben Grubbs	Auburn
3a	74	WR	Yamon Figurs	Kansas State
3b	86	G/T	Marshal Yanda	Iowa
4a	134	OLB	Antwan Barnes*	Florida Intl.
4b	137	FB	Le'Ron McClain*	Alabama
5	174	QB	Troy Smith*	Ohio State
6	207	ILB	Prescott Burgess*	Michigan

Obtained first 3rd-round pick (74) and a 4th-round choice (101) from Det. for the Ravens' 2nd-round (61) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round choice (86) from Jax. for 4th-round (101), 5th-round (166) and 6th-round (203) picks.

2008

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	18	QB	Joe Flacco	Delaware
2	55	RB	Ray Rice	Rutgers
3a	71	ILB	Tavares Gooden	Miami
3b	86	S	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame
3c	99	T	Oniel Cousins*	UTEP
4a	106	WR	Marcus Smith	New Mexico
4b	133	G/T	David Hale*	Weber State
6	206	S	Haruki Nakamura*	Cincinnati
7a	215	WR	Justin Harper	Virginia Tech
7b	240	RB	Allen Patrick*	Oklahoma

Obtained 1st-round (18) choice from Houston for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 3rd-round (89) picks that Baltimore received from Jacksonville, plus the Ravens' 6th-round (173) choice. Baltimore

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began the day with the 8th-overall pick and traded it to Jacksonville for the Jaguars' 1st-round (26), both 3rd-round (71 and 89) and 4th-round (125) selections. Obtained 2nd-round (55) choice from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round (86) choice, along with 2nd-round pick (Rice, 55) from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Traded 4th-round (125) choice to Oakland for CB Fabian Washington.

Note: In 2007, the Ravens used a 5th-round pick in the July Supplemental Draft to tab T Jared Gaither.

2009

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	23	T	Michael Oher	Mississippi
2	57	LB/DE	Paul Kruger	Utah
3	88	DB	Lardarius Webb	Nicholls State
5a	137	LB	Jason Phillips	TCU
5b	149	TE	Davon Drew	East Carolina
6	185	RB	Cedric Peerman	Virginia

Obtained 1st-round choice (23) from NE for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 5th-round (162) picks. Acquired two 5th-round choices (137 and 141) from NE for the Ravens' 4th-round (123) pick. Obtained 5th-round (149) and 6th-round (185) choices from Denver for the 5th-round (141) pick.

2010

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2a	43	LB	Sergio Kindle	Texas
2b	57	DT	Terrence Cody	Alabama
3	70	TE	Ed Dickson	Oregon
4	114	TE	Dennis Pitta	BYU
5a	156	WR	David Reed	Utah
5b	157	DT	Arthur Jones	Syracuse
6	194	T	Ramon Harewood	Morehouse

Acquired first 2nd-round (43), 3rd-round (70) and 4th-round (114) choices from Den. for the Ravens' 1st-round (25) pick. Traded original 3rd-round (88) and 4th-round (123) choices to Ari. for WR Anquan Boldin and a 5th-round pick (157).

2011

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	27	CB	Jimmy Smith	Colorado
2	58	WR	Torrey Smith	Maryland
3	85	T	Jah Reid	Central Florida
4	123	WR	Tandon Doss	Indiana
5a	164	CB	Chykie Brown*	Texas
5b	165	DE	Pernell McPhee*	Mississippi State
6	180	QB	Tyrod Taylor	Virginia Tech
7	225	RB	Anthony Allen	Georgia Tech

Traded 3rd-round pick (90) and a 6th-round pick (191) to Phi. in exchange for Eagles' 85th selection to acquire Reid.

2012

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2a	35	OLB	Courtney Upshaw	Alabama
2b	60	G/T	Kelechi Osemele	Iowa State
3	84	RB	Bernard Pierce	Temple
4a	98	G/C	Gino Gradkowski	Delaware
4b	130	S	Christian Thompson*	South Carolina St.
5	169	CB/RS	Asa Jackson*	Cal Poly
6	198	WR	Tommy Streeter	Miami
7	236	DE	DeAngelo Tyson	Georgia

Obtained 2nd-round pick (35) and 4th-round choice (98) in a trade with Min. in exchange for the Ravens' 1st-round (29) selection. Obtained the 84th-overall pick in a trade with Atl. for the Ravens' 3rd-round (91) and 5th-round (164) selections.

2013

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	32	S	Matt Elam	Florida
2	56	LB	Arthur Brown	Kansas State
3	94	DT	Brandon Williams	Missouri Southern St.
4a	129	OLB	John Simon	Ohio State
4b	130	FB	Kyle Juszczyk*	Harvard
5	168	G/T	Rick Wagner*	Wisconsin
6a	200	DE	Kapron Lewis-Moore	Notre Dame
6b	203	C	Ryan Jensen*	Colorado St.-Pueblo
7a	238	WR	Aaron Mellette	Elon
7b	247	CB	Marc Anthony*	California

Obtained 56th pick in a trade with Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (62nd), 5th-round choice (165th) and 6th-round selection (199th).

2014

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	17	LB	C.J. Mosley	Alabama
2	48	DT	Timmy Jernigan	Florida State
3a	79	S	Terrence Brooks	Florida State
3b	99	TE	Crockett Gillmore*	Colorado State
4a	134	DE	Brent Urban*	Virginia
4b	138	RB	Lorenzo Taliaferro*	Coastal Carolina
5	175	G/C	John Urschel*	Penn State
6	194	QB	Keith Wenning	Ball State
7	218	WR/RS	Michael Campanaro	Wake Forest

Acquired 218th pick from Cle. in exchange for a 2015 draft choice.

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2015

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	26	WR	Breshad Perriman	Central Florida
2	55	TE	Maxx Williams	Minnesota
3	90	DT	Carl Davis	Iowa
4a	122	OLB	Za'Darius Smith	Kentucky
4b	125	RB	Javorius "Buck" Allen	Southern Cal
4c	136	CB	Tray Walker*	Texas Southern
5a	171	TE	Nick Boyle*	Delaware
5b	176	G	Robert Myers*	Tennessee State
6	204	WR	Darren Waller	Georgia Tech

Acquired 55th choice from Arizona in exchange for the Ravens' 58th (second round) and 158th (fifth round) picks.

2016

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	6	T	Ronnie Stanley	Notre Dame
2	42	OLB	Kamalei Correa	Boise State
3	70	DE	Bronson Kaufusi	Brigham Young
4a	104	CB	Tavon Young	Temple
4b	107	WR	Chris Moore	Cincinnati
4c	130	G/T	Alex Lewis	Nebraska
4d	132	DT	Willie Henry*	Michigan
4e	134	RB	Kenneth Dixon*	Louisiana Tech
5	146	OLB	Matthew Judon	Grand Valley State
6a	182	WR/RS	Keenan Reynolds	Navy
6b	209	CB	Maurice Canady*	Virginia

Ravens traded the 36th-overall choice to Jacksonville in exchange for the draft's 38th pick and a fifth-round pick (146th overall). Traded the 38th pick to Miami in exchange for the 42nd-overall pick and a fourth-round pick (107th overall).

2017

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	16	CB	Marlon Humphrey	Alabama
2	47	OLB	Tyus Bowser	Houston
3	74	DE	Chris Wormley	Michigan
3	78	OLB	Tim Williams	Alabama
4	122	G	Nico Siragusa	San Diego State
5	159	G/T	Jermaine Eluemunor	Texas A&M
6	186	S	Chuck Clark	Virginia Tech

2018

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	25	TE	Hayden Hurst	South Carolina
1b	32	QB	Lamar Jackson	Louisville
3a	83	T	Orlando Brown Jr.	Oklahoma
3b	86	TE	Mark Andrews	Oklahoma
4a	118	CB	Anthony Averett	Alabama
4b	122	LB	Kenny Young	UCLA
4c	132	WR	Jaleel Scott	New Mexico State
5	162	WR	Jordan Lasley	UCLA
6a	190	S	DeShon Elliott	Texas
6b	212	T	Greg Senat	Wagner
6c	215	C	Bradley Bozeman*	Alabama
7	238	DT	Zach Sieler	Ferris State

Ravens traded the 16th-overall pick (first round) and their fifth-round selection (154 overall) to the Bills for the 22nd pick in the first round and 65th-overall pick (third round). Baltimore traded the 22nd-overall selection and the 215th pick (sixth round) to Tennessee in exchange for the 25th-overall selection (used on Hayden Hurst) and the 125th pick (fourth round). Ravens traded picks in the second (52nd) and fourth (118th) rounds, as well as their 2019 second-round pick, to Philadelphia for the No. 32 overall pick (used on Lamar Jackson) and the Eagles' 2018 fourth-rounder (132nd). Ravens traded the 75th-overall pick to Kansas City in exchange for the 86th and 122nd picks. Baltimore traded the 152nd pick to Tennessee for the 162nd and 215th picks. Ravens traded the 65th pick to Oakland in exchange for the 75th-, 152nd- and 212th-overall selections. Traded the 152nd pick to Tennessee for the 162nd- and 215th-overall selections.

2019

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	25	WR	Marquise Brown	Oklahoma
3a	85	OLB	Jaylon Ferguson	Louisiana Tech
3b	93	WR	Miles Boykin	Notre Dame
4a	113	RB	Justice Hill	Oklahoma State
4b	123	G	Ben Powers	Oklahoma
4c	127	CB	Iman Marshall	Southern Cal
5	160	DT	Daylon Mack	Texas A&M
6	197	QB	Trace McSorley	Penn State

Ravens traded the 22nd-overall pick to Philadelphia in exchange for the 25th, 127th (fourth round) and 197th (sixth round) picks. Traded picks 102 (third round), 191 (sixth round) and 193 (sixth round) to Minnesota for the 93rd-overall pick (third round).

2020

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	28	LB	Patrick Queen	LSU
2	55	RB	J.K. Dobbins	Ohio State
3a	71	DT	Justin Madubuike	Texas A&M
3b	92	WR	Devin Duvernay	Texas
3c	98	LB	Malik Harrison	Ohio State
3d	106	G	Tyre Phillips*	Mississippi State
4	143	G	Ben Bredeson*	Michigan
5	170	DL	Broderick Washington	Texas Tech
6	201	WR	James Proche II	SMU
7	219	S	Geno Stone	Iowa

Ravens traded their 60th-overall (second round) and 129th-overall (fourth round) picks to New England in exchange for the 71st and 98th (third round) picks. Baltimore traded its 225th-overall pick and a 2021 fifth-round pick to Minnesota in exchange for the 201st and 219th (seventh round) picks.

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson

With a depleted roster and in the beginning stages of a rebuild, new Jaguars coach Urban Meyer and general manager Trent Baalke have a chance to start fresh, take one of my highest-graded quarterbacks ever and build around him. The Jaguars have three more picks in the top 45 -- at Nos. 25, 33 and 45 -- to plug other holes, and they need to hit on those. Lawrence is a no-brainer as the top signal-caller in this class.

2. New York Jets

Zach Wilson, QB, BYU

I said last month that I was 50-50 on whether the Jets should keep Sam Darnold or take a quarterback here, and general manager Joe Douglas and coach Robert Saleh made their decision last week. Darnold is off to Carolina, and so this pick is clearly going to be a quarterback. I have Ohio State's Justin Fields just ahead of Wilson in my rankings, but Wilson is the name I've consistently heard for New York. He can be a star with the right talent around him, but the Jets have to add another pass-catcher at some point, even after adding Corey Davis and Keelan Cole Sr. in free agency.

3. San Francisco 49ers (via MIA through HOU)

Mac Jones, QB, Alabama

It's hard to ignore the Jones-to-San Francisco buzz within the league. Every sign two weeks out from the draft points to general manager John Lynch and coach Kyle Shanahan being infatuated with Jones. I think he's the quarterback they traded up nine spots to take. Is he the perfect fit for Shanahan's offense? Only time will tell. Jones is my fourth-ranked quarterback and is No. 12 on my Big Board, and I'm not sure I see a superstar when I watch him on tape. He's solid -- and extremely accurate -- but not spectacular. Lynch and Shanahan are obviously taking the long view here, and this decision is going to be discussed and debated for years.

4. Miami Dolphins (via mock trade with ATL through PHI)

Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida

You didn't see this one coming, did you? All along we've talked about the Dolphins adding weapons for Tua Tagovailoa, and Pitts is the ultimate weapon in this class. Why couldn't they take him? This gives Miami four really good pass-catchers around Tagovailoa in Pitts, Will Fuller V, DeVante Parker and Mike Gesicki. Pitts and Gesicki are versatile enough to play inline or out wide. They're matchup nightmares for defenses. Another thing to note: Several teams have Pitts at No. 2 overall on their boards. Miami also gets to keep its pick at No. 18 to get help on defense.

5. Cincinnati Bengals

Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon

This was the toughest call for me. It came down to Sewell and wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase, who knows Joe Burrow well from their time together at LSU and would be an excellent fit next to Tee Higgins and Tyler Boyd. Ultimately, the Bengals' offensive line was such a disaster that I don't think they can pass on Sewell, who should start immediately at one of the tackle spots opposite Jonah Williams. The good thing for Cincinnati is that tackle and wideout are two of the deepest positions in this class, and it should be able to find a starter at those positions at the top of Round 2.

6. Atlanta Falcons (via mock trade with MIA)

Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

So new general manager Terry Fontenot and coach Arthur Smith move down two spots, add extra assets for a rebuilding team and still get a franchise quarterback. The 20-year-old Lance is green -- he started just 17 games in college, all against FCS competition. The Falcons can let him sit behind Matt Ryan for at least a season. And here's a list Lance will join (courtesy of ESPN Stats & Information): Since the 2006 draft, six quarterbacks with fewer than 20 college starts have been taken in the first round: Mitchell Trubisky (13), Cam Newton (14), Dwayne Haskins Jr. (14), Mark Sanchez (16), Kyler Murray (17) and Ryan Tannehill (19). There is some risk involved in picking a young, unproven quarterback this high.

7. Detroit Lions

Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU

The 2019 Biletnikoff Award winner led the country that season with 1,780 receiving yards and 20 touchdown catches, and he'd instantly be the Lions' top receiver on a depth chart that includes new signings Tyrell Williams and Breshad Perriman. He's great at making contested catches and can break tackles and run after the catch. He's a legit No. 1 wideout, which is sorely needed in Detroit.

8. Carolina Panthers

DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama

My appreciation for Sam Darnold's potential is well-documented at this point, so I don't see Carolina taking a quarterback here after trading for the former Jets starter. Go and get him some help instead, either along the offensive line or at receiver. Smith is a stellar route runner who just gets open. Put him alongside DJ Moore and Robby Anderson and this is a top-10 offense. Why couldn't Carolina compete for a wild-card spot in 2021?

9. Denver Broncos

Micah Parsons, LB, Penn State

New general manager George Paton's offseason moves seem to point to the Broncos sticking with Drew Lock rather than taking a quarterback in the top 10. Lock flashes enough that he deserves another season to prove he can be a starting-caliber quarterback. The defense must get some help, though, and Parsons would be an upgrade at inside linebacker. He could also rush the passer on third downs. He's the best off-ball 'backer in this class.

10. New England Patriots (via mock trade with DAL)

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State

This makes five quarterbacks in the top 10, with Bill Belichick & Co. making the move up for Fields, my second-ranked quarterback. All the moves the Patriots made in free agency showed me that they believe they can get right back into competing for the AFC East title, but I don't think Cam Newton is the quarterback to get them there. He had too many accuracy issues last season. He's not the long-term answer. Fields had an up-and-down 2020 season, but he can be a star if he becomes more consistent. And I trust that offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels will get him there.

11. New York Giants

Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama

This is an important season for quarterback Daniel Jones. Can he take a Josh Allen-esque leap in Year 3? To do so, he has to get better pass-catchers around him. That started with the Giants adding top wideout Kenny Golladay in free agency, and Waddle would give them the draft's best deep threat, a speedy playmaker who will also make an impact in the return game. I thought about edge rusher here as well.

12. Philadelphia Eagles (via MIA through SF)

Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama

The Eagles traded out of the top 10 and moved to No. 12, which essentially took them out of the quarterback race. They could also miss out on the top wide receivers; I suspect they would jump at Waddle if he made it here. Just looking at this roster, though, corner should be a priority, and they'd have their pick of all of them if the board shakes out this way. Surtain is the most fundamentally sound defensive back in this class.

13. Los Angeles Chargers

Rashawn Slater, OT/G, Northwestern

Protecting Justin Herbert has been the theme of the Chargers' offseason, with general manager Tom Telesco spending in free agency on center Corey Linsley and tackle/guard Matt Feiler. So let's continue that theme with Slater, who played both tackle spots in college but could move to guard in the NFL. This could be a steal for L.A. Slater is likely to become Northwestern's first Round 1 pick since Luis Castillo, who also was drafted by the Chargers (No. 28 in 2005).

14. Minnesota Vikings

Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech

That's four mock drafts for the 2021 class for me, and four offensive linemen to Minnesota in the first round. It's a glaring hole on this roster. Darrisaw was outstanding at left tackle for the Hokies last season; our Stats & Info team tracked him at 264 total pass-block plays, and he allowed just three pressures and one sack. Put him at left tackle on Day 1 for the Vikings.

15. Dallas Cowboys (via mock trade with NE)

Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina

Dallas trades back five spots with New England, gains what would likely be a 2022 first-round pick and is able to plug a need at No. 15. The Cowboys' defense was dreadful last season, and they lost starting corner Chidobe Awuzie in free agency. They can pair Horn with 2020 second-round pick Trevon Diggs, who had a nice rookie season. The knock on Horn is that he had only two career interceptions, but that ball production should come in time.

16. Arizona Cardinals

Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech

Farley is my top-ranked corner, but he could be the third off the board depending on his medical checks. He had back surgery last month -- a microdiscectomy -- and wasn't able to work out at his pro day, which means teams weren't able to see him up close after he opted out of the 2020 season. At his best, though, Farley has the highest ceiling of all the defensive backs in this class. Arizona let Patrick Peterson walk in free agency and signed Malcolm Butler on a short-term deal, but it could still address the position here.

17. Las Vegas Raiders

Alijah Vera-Tucker, OT/G, USC

The Raiders overhauled their offensive line this offseason, trading away tackle Trent Brown, guard Gabe Jackson and center Rodney Hudson. Maybe general manager Mike Mayock and coach Jon Gruden knew they could address the O-line in Round 1 because it's a deep class, but they still have voids to fill. Vera-Tucker is my top-ranked guard, but he really came into his own while playing left tackle for the Trojans last season. He could play either spot for Las Vegas.

18. Miami Dolphins

Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan

Yes, this is the first edge rusher off the board, all the way down at No. 18. It's not an elite class, but Paye could start a run on edge defenders all the way into Round 2. There is quality overall, even if there aren't any instant stars. Paye is my top-ranked defensive end, a gifted athlete who didn't put up sack production at Michigan (11.5 sacks in four seasons). Teams will be on his potential and traits, though. With two picks down so far and the trade up for Kyle Pitts, Miami has two players who rank No. 1 at their positions.

19. Washington Football Team

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, LB, Notre Dame

Washington could go a few different ways here, including offensive line or wide receiver. I like the fit of Owusu-Koramoah, though, as a three-down off-ball linebacker with cover skills. He’s extremely versatile – he lined up as a slot corner for the Fighting Irish at times last season – and fast. He must improve as a tackler, but he should slot in as an instant-impact player for a defense that is already one of the league’s best.

20. Chicago Bears

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State

Jenkins is the last of four offensive tackles on whom I have first-round grades. A three-year starter at right tackle for Oklahoma State, he's outstanding in the run game. He'd fill the spot created by the release of Bobbie Massie. Chicago could also be in play for a pass-rusher, though it has put a lot of capital toward Khalil Mack and Robert Quinn. A young edge defender such as Jaelan Phillips could be a situational player as a rookie.

21. Indianapolis Colts

Jaelan Phillips, DE, Miami

With my first-round offensive tackles all picked, Indianapolis should address its pass rush, even if it does bring back Justin Houston. Phillips might be the best pure pass-rusher in this class, but he needs to improve his all-around game. He also has some durability concerns -- he had multiple concussions at UCLA before he transferred to Miami -- which means his medical checks with teams are extremely important.

22. Tennessee Titans

Elijah Moore, WR, Ole Miss

Though the Titans are another team that could address their pass rush, I really like Moore's fit as Ryan Tannehill's primary slot target. Moore had 1,193 receiving yards in eight games last season, working predominantly out of the slot. He can be a high-volume, easy-throw target alongside A.J. Brown, who has blossomed into a legit No. 1 wideout. Cornerback is another position to watch for Tennessee.

23. New York Jets (from SEA)

Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern

The Jets are a tough team to predict, and their defense could use an overhaul; you know new coach Robert Saleh wants a chance to reshape the side of the ball he coaches with a prime pick. Newsome has been a riser over the past month; his 2020 tape is phenomenal, and he had a great pro day workout. He fits well with what Saleh wants in his corners. Newsome is the last of four cornerbacks who I think are likely to go in Round 1.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers

Najee Harris, RB, Alabama

The Steelers could go with an offensive lineman here, as center Maurkice Pouncey retired, tackle Matt Feiler left in free agency and free-agent tackle Alejandro Villanueva is still unsigned. But I'd love to see Harris in this offense to take the pressure off quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. He could grind down defenses as a runner and help in the short passing game. If Harris goes in Round 1, he'll be the fifth Alabama running back picked in the first round since 2000. The others: Josh Jacobs (2019), Trent Richardson (2012), Mark Ingram (2011) and Shaun Alexander (2000). Notably absent is Derrick Henry, who was a second-round pick in 2016 and somehow just had an underrated 2,000-yard campaign.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (from LAR)

Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU

I'll stick with Moehrig to the Jaguars here as a free safety complement to free-agent signing Rayshawn Jenkins. I thought about a pass-catcher, but the Jaguars could find an impact player in Round 2 (they pick at Nos. 33 and 45). Offensive line could be another position to target, but they shouldn't reach. Moehrig, who had 19 pass breakups over the last two seasons and won the Thorpe Award as the country's best defensive back in 2020, isn't likely to be on the board in Round 2. He's my top-ranked safety.

26. Cleveland Browns

Jamin Davis, LB, Kentucky

Davis is another defender who is rising since the season ended. He's really only a one-year starter -- he started one game in 2019 -- but he was tremendous last season with 96 tackles, three interceptions and a sack. Davis was all over the field making plays. He could play any of the linebacker spots for the Cleveland 4-3 defense. The Browns could also target an edge rusher with this pick, even if they do sign Jadeveon Clowney.

27. Baltimore Ravens

Terrace Marshall Jr., WR, LSU

As I wrote in my Mock Draft 3.0, quarterback Lamar Jackson needs an outside wide receiver who can run every route. That's Marshall, and it's rare that a team is able to find a guy like him this late in Round 1. That just shows how exceptional and deep this wideout class is going to be. Marshall fits even with Sammy Watkins joining Baltimore on a one-year deal. With Matthew Judon and Yannick Ngakoue both gone in free agency, I also thought about Penn State edge defender Jayson Oweh, who has big-time upside.

28. New Orleans Saints

Zaven Collins, OLB/DE, Tulsa

The Saints haven't been able to add players this offseason because of their salary-cap constraints, so this is their best chance to get a player who can make an immediate impact. They have to hit on their pick if they want to extend their championship window with Drew Brees retired. Collins is a versatile linebacker who was the only FBS player to have at least four sacks and four interceptions last season. He wasn't asked to rush the passer much, but he still got four sacks. He could play outside or middle linebacker for New Orleans. He's a fun defender to watch.

29. Green Bay Packers

Rashod Bateman, WR, Minnesota

Like the Saints, the Packers haven't been able to add roster improvements because they're up against the cap, so let's snag a wide receiver for reigning MVP quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Bateman played outside and in the slot for the Golden Gophers, averaging 20.3 yards per catch in 2019. He would instantly become Green Bay's No. 2 wideout behind Davante Adams. Bateman is the sixth and final Round 1 wide receiver in this mock draft. The Packers could also address the interior of their offensive line, particularly with longtime starting center Corey Linsley leaving in free agency.

30. Buffalo Bills

Azeez Ojulari, OLB/DE, Georgia

With starting defensive ends Jerry Hughes and Mario Addison over the age of 30, the Bills need to get younger on the edge. They took AJ Epenesa in Round 2 last year, but that's not enough. The speedy pass-rusher Ojulari had 8.5 sacks and three forced fumbles last season. Cornerback and running back are other positions Buffalo could target.

31. Kansas City Chiefs

Jayson Oweh, OLB, Penn State

It has to be offensive tackle or edge rusher for the Chiefs here, right? The Super Bowl loss showed off some major weaknesses, even if this roster is still one of the league's best. Oweh is an interesting case because his coaches raved about his athletic traits, and he just ran a 4.36 40-yard dash at 257 pounds. That's unbelievable. Sacks aren't everything, but he didn't have any last season, and Oweh could be the first FBS defensive lineman since Dominique Easley (2014) to be selected in the first two rounds after not recording a sack in his final collegiate season, according to ESPN Stats & Info. Scouts rave about his upside, but I still would have liked more production.

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama

General manager Jason Licht has done a great job putting together a great core, and the Bucs are essentially bringing back the exact same roster for 2021. That's not a terrible idea when you've just won the Super Bowl. One spot where they could get younger is defensive tackle. Barmore could replace Ndamukong Suh long term and play next to elite nose tackle Vita Vea. Barmore has some potential as a 3-technique pass-rusher.

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson

Lawrence is the best quarterback prospect I've seen in nearly a decade, and the Jaguars obviously want a game-changer under center as the Urban Meyer era begins. But can they surround the Clemson QB with talent? Jacksonville signed Marvin Jones Jr. in free agency to pair with James Robinson, DJ Chark Jr. and Laviska Shenault Jr. in what should be a much-improved offense, but also remember that the Jags have 10 picks, including three more over the first two rounds. Stay tuned!

2. New York Jets

Zach Wilson, QB, BYU

Well, the Sam Darnold trade sure makes this a lot clearer. Wilson fits so well with the modern NFL, showing the ability to make plays on the run, the arm strength to drive the ball vertically and the instincts to tuck and run for big gains when necessary. But similar to the Jags, the Jets now have to get Wilson support. They brought in Corey Davis, Keelan Cole Sr. and Tevin Coleman over the past few weeks and have nine total picks to work with.

3. San Francisco 49ers (via MIA/HOU)

Mac Jones, QB, Alabama

The Niners sacrificed first-rounders over the next two years and then some to skip the line. Which player did they do it for? Coach Kyle Shanahan surely has his guy in mind already, and it's going to be a QB -- teams don't make these types of massive early deals for non-QBs. I'm hearing a lot of noise about Jones being the 49ers' preference. He is accurate and reads the field so well, which helps assuage mobility concerns. Plus, he excels when passing in the pocket or off play-action, two staples of Shanahan's system. San Francisco paid a hefty price, but quarterback was in need of an upgrade. Now it just has to hope it selects the right one.

4. Atlanta Falcons

Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida

Man, this one was tough. Do the Falcons take advantage of the opportunity to take their QB of the future while they have the high pick, or do they turn their attention to the elite offensive playmakers available? QB Trey Lance (North Dakota State) could be the pick, with the chance to learn behind Matt Ryan, but frankly Pitts is just too difficult to pass on. He is a unique talent and a mismatch for any opponent. His 6-foot-6 size, speed and hands would cause fits for defensive coordinators, especially when they already have to account for Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley.

5. Cincinnati Bengals

Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU

Chase is the best wide receiver in the class, and he set then-SEC records in 2019 with Bengals QB Joe Burrow under center for LSU. An opt-out in 2020, Chase is a physical matchup for any cornerback, and he is incredible at tracking and adjusting to the ball in the air. Tight end Kyle Pitts could be the guy if he were available, and no one is claiming that the Riley Reiff signing closed the door on the draft's top two tackles -- Oregon's Penei Sewell and Northwestern's Rashawn Slater -- here either. But Chase is a dominant playmaker who would make an immediate impact outside. Also watch for a potential trade back: There are plenty of teams eyeing quarterbacks Trey Lance and Justin Fields (Ohio State) in this range.

6. Miami Dolphins (via PHI)

DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama

I love Miami trading out of No. 3, picking up additional draft picks -- including a 2023 first-rounder -- and still getting one of the players it would have been looking at in its original slot. Will Fuller V is on only a one-year deal, and bringing in Smith to join him and DeVante Parker would give Tua Tagovailoa the weapons he needs in the passing game. Smith is an explosive and savvy route runner, and let's not forget that he was one of Tagovailoa's favorite targets in Tuscaloosa.

7. Detroit Lions

Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama

There is one of the top four pass-catchers left here and a glaring void in the Detroit wide receiver room after Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones Jr. signed elsewhere. (Sorry, Tyrell Williams and Breshad Perriman aren't going to cut it as No. 1 options in a division that includes Davante Adams, Allen Robinson II, Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen.) Waddle is an elusive burner, giving new QB Jared Goff someone to look for early and often each week.

8. Carolina Panthers

Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama

Following the Panthers' acquisition of Sam Darnold, quarterback falls off their list of draft needs, especially considering Teddy Bridgewater is still on the roster. The move doesn't eliminate them from the QB conversation here, but it's no longer a big concern. (Before the move, I projected Trey Lance in this spot.) So our first defensive player finally checks in at No. 8. Both of Carolina's projected starting corners -- Rashaan Melvin and Donte Jackson -- could be free agents in 2022, and Surtain is instinctive and a natural playmaker. He's a true shutdown corner, which would be key for the Panthers in a division that houses many talented wide receivers.

9. Denver Broncos

Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

If both Lance and Justin Fields are still available, it'd be difficult to go a different direction -- though I do think the Broncos could add a defensive playmaker here. Drew Lock hasn't yet started a complete season and was missing his No. 1 receiver (Courtland Sutton) for essentially the entire 2020 campaign, so the verdict is still out on whether he can be the guy. But while I like his game and believe he can be a good starter, his production hasn't met expectations in a division that includes Patrick Mahomes, Derek Carr and Justin Herbert.

Lance has a big arm, reads the field well and is productive as a runner. The 17-game résumé at the FCS level means he might require time to learn and develop before he is given the reins, though. Alternatively, Denver could take the opportunity to trade back with another QB-needy franchise and pick up more draft capital.

10. Dallas Cowboys

Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina

Jourdan Lewis is back in Dallas, but the Cowboys still want to upgrade the cornerback position opposite Trevon Diggs. Perhaps it's Virginia Tech's Caleb Farley, though his back procedure might cause concern. Instead, I'm tabbing Horn, a speedy and versatile press corner. The Cowboys gave up 34 passing touchdowns last season, so expect them to address that area here -- unless they opt to help protect the $160 million man, QB Dak Prescott, with one of the class' top tackles.

11. New England Patriots (via mock trade with NYG)

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State

Even after the Niners' move up the board, it doesn't appear Jimmy Garoppolo is in the cards this season for the Patriots. And while they brought back Cam Newton, the veteran is only signed for a year at $3.5 million guaranteed. The Pats haven't spent a first-round pick on a QB since 1993 (Drew Bledsoe), but now is the time. Fields is accurate downfield and can develop into a top-tier starter for a team searching for stability at the position in the post-Tom Brady era.

12. Philadelphia Eagles (via MIA/SF)

Micah Parsons, ILB, Penn State

Let's start with the bad news: As we thought might be the case, the Eagles miss out on the top four pass-catchers in the class after their trade out of No. 6 overall. That's a problem. The WR room has Jalen Reagor, Greg Ward and Travis Fulgham as the top three options, not leaving QB Jalen Hurts in the best position to find success in an evaluation period. But here's the good news: The Eagles hold 11 picks this year (the most in the NFL) in a draft with a deep receiver class, the 2022 first-rounder received in the trade will certainly prove valuable, and Philly can still land a guy like Parsons here. He can do a little bit of everything in the middle of this defense.

13. Los Angeles Chargers

Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon

Because he opted out in 2020, scouts are watching Sewell’s game tape from 2019 – when he was blocking for Justin Herbert at Oregon. Let’s reunite them. It’s a bit of a shock to see my third-ranked prospect fall this far, but nine of the top 12 picks were QBs or offensive playmakers, causing a mini-slide. The Chargers aren’t complaining. Corey Linsley and Matt Feiler were solid signings in free agency, but this offensive line still needs work. And Sewell is the best lineman in the class.

14. Minnesota Vikings

Rashawn Slater, OT/G, Northwestern

Slater is super versatile and could play any of the five positions along the Vikings' line. That's a good thing, because it has a lot of holes -- Minnesota gave up 39 sacks in 2020, lost Riley Reiff and added only Mason Cole to the mix in the offseason. After rebooting the secondary, the Vikings now have to be focusing on protecting Kirk Cousins and opening lanes for Dalvin Cook.

15. New York Giants (via mock trade with NE)

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, ILB, Notre Dame

I wouldn't be surprised to see the Giants look at USC guard Alijah Vera-Tucker, but they just took three linemen in the first five rounds last year, including Andrew Thomas at No. 4 overall. And while the defense was stellar last season, getting defensive coordinator Patrick Graham a versatile, rangy, fast, instinctive linebacker like Owusu-Koramoah will help keep it that way.

16. Miami Dolphins (via mock trade with ARI)

Alijah Vera-Tucker, G, USC

With DeVonta Smith off to help Tua Tagovailoa, we can now look to protection. Vera-Tucker has played tackle, but he's a better fit at guard in the NFL. Miami took 34 sacks last season, and Tagovailoa was blitzed at the fourth-highest rate in the league (35.3% of his dropbacks).

17. Las Vegas Raiders

Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU

The Raiders were one of seven teams to allow north of 260 passing yards per game last season. In a division with Patrick Mahomes and Justin Herbert, that's a significant issue. Moehrig is the class's top safety and has terrific ball skills, which might help improve the Raiders' total of 10 interceptions in 2020. Las Vegas could also look at Christian Darrisaw (Virginia Tech) or Alijah Vera-Tucker if he is still available after dismantling its offensive line over the past month.

18. Arizona Cardinals (via mock trade with MIA)

Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech

Patrick Peterson is off to Minnesota, both starting outside corners -- Malcolm Butler and Robert Alford -- signed one-year deals and Byron Murphy Jr. is mainly a nickelback. Farley had a back procedure at the end of March, and though it isn't expected to impact his training camp availability, it's a concern. Still, he is the best cover corner in the class and fits what the Cardinals are looking for on the outside.

19. Washington Football Team

Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech

The signing of Curtis Samuel means Washington likely won't take Florida receiver Kadarius Toney, who has a similar skill set, and there really isn't another receiver in this range. Other big-need areas don't have any value here either, including quarterback, linebacker and tight end. I think it's slightly early for Darrisaw -- a smooth and powerful zone blocker -- but he is certainly one of the top tackles, and Washington would be able to beat the OT rush that likely begins toward the end of Round 1.

20. Chicago Bears

Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida

Chicago is likely out of reach to trade up for a top-five QB, at least without completely leveraging the organization's future. So it might as well give Andy Dalton -- and his eventual replacement -- another playmaker to work with, even after placing the franchise tag on Allen Robinson II. Toney is a different kind of receiver: He isn't polished, but he's versatile and explosive. Get the ball to him and he'll make things happen. The Bears could use that skill set on offense.

21. Indianapolis Colts

Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan

The Colts lost Denico Autry to the division-rival Titans, and Justin Houston remains unsigned. That means DeForest Buckner is the only player with at least five sacks in 2020 set to return for 2021. Indy's defensive strength is a big part of its identity, and Paye has explosive speed off the edge. The production hasn't caught up to the ability just yet, but his ceiling is very high. Alternatively, the Colts could target a defensive back or maybe reach a little bit for a receiver.

22. Tennessee Titans

Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern

Tennessee could use reinforcements along the offensive line, but to me, this pick is all about either a pass-catcher or a cornerback. The Titans lost Corey Davis, Jonnu Smith, Adoree' Jackson and Desmond King II from those positions in free agency. So let's look at the board. LSU's big receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. would be an option, but the better value falls with Newsome. He's a shutdown corner who would fit nicely with Janoris Jenkins and Kristian Fulton in the Tennessee CB corps. But I'd like to see a few more interceptions.

23. New York Jets (via SEA)

Travis Etienne, RB, Clemson

With Wilson being the pick at No. 2, New York now has to help him out. I liked the Jets bringing in Corey Davis and Keelan Cole Sr., but this is another potential spot for Terrace Marshall Jr. or perhaps Ole Miss' Elijah Moore. And don't rule out an offensive tackle like Teven Jenkins (Oklahoma State). I'm going with Etienne, though. He has breakaway speed and can catch passes out of the backfield. The Jets need a true game-changer at running back, and he's exactly that, scoring 78 touchdowns from scrimmage over his time at Clemson.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers

Najee Harris, RB, Alabama

Teven Jenkins is tempting here. He's a mauler on the offensive line, and the Steelers must rebuild that unit from the ground up. Ultimately, I went in a different direction because the lineman class is deep -- I have more than a dozen in this mock -- and running back is just as much of a concern. Harris is a powerful back who is nearly impossible to stop between the tackles. The Steelers' 3.6 yards per carry ranked dead last in the NFL last season, and it doesn't appear that James Conner is returning, currently leaving the rushing to an unproven group of Benny Snell Jr., Anthony McFarland Jr., Kalen Ballage and Jaylen Samuels. Let's get an impact running back.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (via LAR)

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State

We've mentioned Jenkins a few times already, but the Jaguars seem like a perfect match. They are investing in Trevor Lawrence as their franchise QB, and you have to protect franchise QBs. Cam Robinson is back on the franchise tag, and Jawaan Taylor is occupying the opposite tackle position, but Jenkins could slide inside to guard as a rookie before eventually taking over an outside role. He can hold his ground against power rushers without issue.

26. Cleveland Browns

Gregory Rousseau, DE, Miami

Takkarist McKinley isn't the Browns' badly coveted impact pass-rusher opposite Myles Garrett -- he has totaled just 4.5 sacks in 18 games over the past two years. Rousseau opted out in 2020 but posted 15.5 sacks in 2019 with the Hurricanes -- second in the nation to Chase Young. He needs some polish to his game, but he has a quick first step and the versatility to kick inside at times. He fits a need and comes with good value here at No. 26.

27. Baltimore Ravens

Terrace Marshall Jr., WR, LSU

The Ravens were the only team in the NFL with fewer than 2,000 passing yards when targeting wide receivers last season -- they were well short of even the second-worst team at 1,729 yards -- and their current solve is adding Sammy Watkins, who hasn't played 16 games since his 2014 rookie season and hasn't broken 700 yards since 2015. So while a pass-rusher could be in play with Matthew Judon and Yannick Ngakoue departing Baltimore, this one is a no-brainer for me. Marshall has 6-foot-4 size, is explosive downfield and caught 10 TDs last season for LSU.

28. New Orleans Saints

Elijah Moore, WR, Ole Miss

The cap-strapped Saints roster took a hit in March, with multiple impact players heading elsewhere for more money or, in the case of Drew Brees, retiring. Will it be Jameis Winston or Taysom Hill at quarterback -- or both? Regardless, New Orleans has to have more weapons in the pass game, especially with Emmanuel Sanders and Jared Cook not coming back. Moore operates mainly out of the slot, and he has the hands and burst to pick up big chunks of yardage. He was second in the nation to DeVonta Smith in catches and yards last season.

29. Green Bay Packers

Jamin Davis, ILB, Kentucky

Davis could replace Christian Kirksey, who signed with the Texans. He is an off-the-ball linebacker who can impact multiple facets of the defense, and he's a very good tackler in space. As for the WR-sized elephant in the room, Louisville's Tutu Atwell and Minnesota's Rashod Bateman are worth a look, but this class is deep, and Davis' game could be perfect for the Green Bay defense.

30. Buffalo Bills

Jaelan Phillips, DE, Miami

The top two running backs are off the board, and it's a little early for Javonte Williams (North Carolina). So why not inject some life into a middle-of-the-road pass rush instead -- especially with Jerry Hughes turning 33 before the season. Phillips had 8.0 sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss in 2020.

31. Kansas City Chiefs

Azeez Ojulari, OLB, Georgia

It's difficult not to force an offensive tackle in here, and maybe the Chiefs reach a little for Notre Dame's Liam Eichenberg or Michigan's Jalen Mayfield. But the class is deep enough that they could find a solid tackle in Round 2, and the signings of Joe Thuney and Kyle Long -- along with the return of Laurent Duvernay-Tardif -- at least help shore up the interior. Edge rushing is a big concern too. Ojulari is a real specialist there, and a quartet of Chris Jones, Frank Clark, Jarran Reed and Ojulari could be problematic for opposing QBs.

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Zaven Collins, OLB, Tulsa

It's best available player for a team that is returning all of its starters from a Super Bowl-winning roster. Collins is a 3-4 OLB who could replace Jason Pierre-Paul if the Bucs don't bring him back in 2022. He sneaks in to close Round 1, marking Tulsa's only first-round pick in the common draft era (since 1967).

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Pick 1 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence | Clemson · QB

Nothing changes at the top. The Jaguars have done their homework on all of the top quarterback prospects, but all signs point to Lawrence going to Jacksonville.

Pick 2 - New York Jets

Zach Wilson | BYU · QB

Unless something unexpected pops up during Wilson's NFL Scouting Combine physical, I'll be shocked if he isn't the No. 2 overall pick.

Pick 3 - San Francisco 49ers

Mac Jones | Alabama · QB

I'm not surprised San Francisco traded up to No. 3. I am surprised that everything you hear points toward Jones being the Niners' pick at No. 3.

Pick 4 - Atlanta Falcons

Trey Lance | North Dakota State · QB

If Atlanta stays at No. 4, I can't see the franchise passing on soon-to-be 36-year-old Matt Ryan's eventual successor.

Pick 5 - Cincinnati Bengals

Kyle Pitts | Florida · TE

The Bengals still have holes on the offensive line, but this is a deep draft in the trenches, which allows them to take the best player available with the fifth pick before adding O-line help in Round 2.

Pick 6 - Miami Dolphins

Ja'Marr Chase | LSU · WR

Miami moved back up after trading down to No. 12, wisely figuring they would be able to land either Pitts or Chase with the sixth pick.

Pick 7 - Detroit Lions

Justin Fields | Ohio State · QB

This could be a trade spot, with some teams picking after Detroit potentially in the market for a quarterback, but I wouldn't rule out the Lions staying put and taking a signal-caller themselves. Fields has more upside than Jared Goff.

Pick 8 - Carolina Panthers

Rashawn Slater | Northwestern · OT

I could see this coming down to a decision between drafting a cornerback or offensive lineman. The Panthers go with the latter in this scenario.

Pick 9 - Denver Broncos

Penei Sewell | Oregon · OT

LT Garett Bolles played really well last season, and now you add a bookend on the right side in Sewell.

Pick 10 - Dallas Cowboys

Kwity Paye | Michigan · Edge

Paye is the most explosive pass rusher in the draft. He would team up with DeMarcus Lawrence to give the Cowboys a big-time duo off the edges.

Pick 11 - New York Giants

DeVonta Smith | Alabama · WR

Even after the Giants' signing of Kenny Golladay, I still get the sense Big Blue wants more weapons. Smith is the best route runner in the draft.

Pick 12 - Philadelphia Eagles

Patrick Surtain II | Alabama · CB

This would be a dream scenario for the Eagles. After trading down to No. 12, they still land the top cornerback in the draft.

Pick 13 - Los Angeles Chargers

Jaycee Horn | South Carolina · CB

The Chargers have a hole at left tackle, but similar to the Bengals' approach in this mock, they could fill their cornerback need here and pick a tackle in the second round.

Pick 14 - Minnesota Vikings

Jaelan Phillips | Miami · Edge

Phillips is the most talented edge rusher in the draft. If not for some durability concerns, he would go higher than this pick.

Pick 15 - New England Patriots

Micah Parsons | Penn State · LB

The Patriots have been bold this offseason, so I won't be shocked if they decide to trade up for a quarterback. If they stay put, Parsons has the versatility to fit in New England.

Pick 16 - Arizona Cardinals

Jaylen Waddle | Alabama · WR

This is a big-time steal if Waddle falls this far down the board, but we've seen some talented receivers slip a bit in recent drafts. He would be electric in Arizona's offense.

Pick 17 - Las Vegas Raiders

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah | Notre Dame · LB

New defensive coordinator Gus Bradley requires a lot of speed, athleticism and coverability from his linebackers. Owusu-Koramoah gives you plenty of each. With Las Vegas signing Yannick Ngakoue to pair up with Maxx Crosby, I'm not as concerned about the Raiders' edge-rush woes as I was before free agency.

Pick 18 - Miami Dolphins

Gregory Rousseau | Miami · Edge

Rousseau had some stiffness in his pro day workout, which concerned some teams. That said, look at his combination of size, length and production. Plus, his impressive 10-yard split time (1.57 seconds) will carry a lot of weight in evaluations.

Pick 19 - Washington Football Team

Alijah Vera-Tucker | USC · OL

I liked that Washington kept guard Brandon Scherff (franchise tag), but the Football Team still needs to upgrade the offensive line. Vera-Tucker has the versatility to play tackle or guard.

Pick 20 - Chicago Bears

Greg Newsome II | Northwestern · CB

Newsome is a plug-and-play guy who can replace Kyle Fuller. The Bears could also go with an offensive tackle here.

Pick 21 - Indianapolis Colts

Christian Darrisaw | Virginia Tech · OT

Indianapolis has a hole at left tackle in the wake of Anthony Castonzo's retirement. Darrisaw can slide right in and be a starter at the position.

Pick 22 - Tennessee Titans

Caleb Farley | Virginia Tech · CB

I view Farley as one of the top five players in the draft, but he's likely to slide a bit after undergoing a back procedure that kept him from working out at Virginia Tech's pro day. The Titans were rewarded for stopping Jeffery Simmons' slide a couple years ago, and things could play out similarly in this scenario.

Pick 23 - New York Jets

Azeez Ojulari | Georgia · Edge

Ojulari would be a good fit opposite Carl Lawson off the edge in Robert Saleh's defense.

Pick 24 - Pittsburgh Steelers

Teven Jenkins | Oklahoma State · OT

The Steelers would have their choice of the top running backs here, but I think upgrading the offensive line will be the first order of business.

Pick 25 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevon Moehrig | TCU · S

There are some intriguing options for the Jaguars with this pick, but Moehrig is just too clean a player to pass up.

Pick 26 - Cleveland Browns

Jamin Davis | Kentucky · LB

I've been president of the Davis fan club for a while now, but to say he destroyed at his pro day would be an understatement. It matches what I saw on tape, and he fills a need for Cleveland.

Pick 27 - Baltimore Ravens

Jayson Oweh | Penn State · Edge

Oweh has lacked production but has not lacked disruption for the Nittany Lions. He showed his freakish athleticism at Penn State's pro day.

Pick 28 - New Orleans Saints

Asante Samuel Jr. | Florida State · CB

If the Saints don't make an ultra-aggressive move up the board to grab a sliding quarterback, finding a cornerback who can make plays on the ball would be a priority. Samuel answered any lingering questions about his speed at FSU's pro day.

Pick 29 - Green Bay Packers

Landon Dickerson | Alabama · C

Dickerson is the best pure interior offensive lineman available. I thought he might fall out of the first round after his ACL injury, but it appears his recovery is going smoothly. He can step in following the departure of Corey Linsley.

Pick 30 - Buffalo Bills

Joe Tryon | Washington · Edge

I could see Buffalo addressing the linebacker position, but finding another edge rusher to complement Jerry Hughes is a bigger priority.

Pick 31 - Kansas City Chiefs

Kelvin Joseph | Kentucky · CB

Kansas City has always valued elite traits. Joseph is big, fast and explosive. He's a little bit raw, but he could team up with L'Jarius Sneed to give the Chiefs two young, athletic cornerbacks.

Pick 32 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Elijah Moore | Mississippi · WR

This is a luxury pick for the Bucs as they try to run it back with some insurance in case they do not re-sign Antonio Brown. Moore is a dynamic playmaker with a different skill set than Mike Evans and Chris Godwin.

2021 MOCK DRAFTS

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Pick 1 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence | Clemson · QB

Urban Meyer selects his franchise quarterback to build around for years to come.

Pick 2 - New York Jets

Zach Wilson | BYU · QB

A new era began with the hiring of Robert Saleh. Snagging Wilson -- a quarterback who rates higher than what I had for Sam Darnold before the 2018 draft -- adds plenty of promise.

Pick 3 - San Francisco 49ers

Mac Jones | Alabama · QB

Kyle Shanahan has enjoyed success with Kirk Cousins and Jimmy Garoppolo. I rated Jones higher than both those guys back when they were coming out of college.

Pick 4 - Atlanta Falcons

Kyle Pitts | Florida · TE

The trade offers aren't good enough for Atlanta to pass on arguably the best player in this draft class.

Pick 5 - Cincinnati Bengals

Penei Sewell | Oregon · OT

This pick is all about protecting Joe Burrow.

Pick 6 - Miami Dolphins

Ja'Marr Chase | LSU · WR

Discussions have circled all offseason around Tua Tagovailoa needing more playmakers. The Dolphins get a big one here.

Pick 7 - Detroit Lions

DeVonta Smith | Alabama · WR

The Lions need to upgrade the skill positions after losing their top two wideouts in free agency.

Pick 8 - Carolina Panthers

Rashawn Slater | Northwestern · OT

Sam Darnold gets a left tackle. Frankly, though, I can't help but think Carolina could trade back and still nab Slater.

Pick 9 - Denver Broncos

Micah Parsons | Penn State · LB

The Broncos' cornerback need was filled in free agency, so they add the best defensive player on my draft board to Vic Fangio's unit.

Pick 10 - Dallas Cowboys

Patrick Surtain II | Alabama · CB

Surtain will team with Trevon Diggs to give Dallas two good, young cornerbacks.

Pick 11 - New York Giants

Kwity Paye | Michigan · Edge

The Giants, who desperately need an outside pass rusher, take advantage of Paye being available here.

Pick 12 - Philadelphia Eagles

Jaylen Waddle | Alabama · WR

With a skill set that compares to Tyreek Hill's, Waddle may be the major receiving weapon the Eagles have been searching for. Jalen Hurts is the big winner with this pick.

Pick 13 - Los Angeles Chargers

Alijah Vera-Tucker | USC · OL

Vera-Tucker -- whose pro comparison is Isaiah Wynn, as an offensive tackle -- has the potential to be a perennial Pro Bowl guard with the Chargers.

Pick 14 - Washington Football Team (projected trade with Vikings)

Trey Lance | North Dakota State · QB

Washington trades up to get its quarterback of the future. With Ryan Fitzpatrick already in place, Lance could be used in Year 1 in packages that take advantage of his running ability.

Pick 15 - New England Patriots

Jaycee Horn | South Carolina · CB

With starting cornerbacks J.C. Jackson and Stephon Gilmore set to hit free agency next offseason, Bill Belichick begins planning for the future with a young player possessing plenty of upside, especially in New England's scheme.

Pick 16 - Arizona Cardinals

Caleb Farley | Virginia Tech · CB

The Cardinals nab perhaps the most complete cornerback in the draft -- health concerns aside -- to boost the back end of Vance Joseph's defense.

Pick 17 - Las Vegas Raiders

Teven Jenkins | Oklahoma State · OT

Jenkins can step in immediately and start at right tackle or guard.

Pick 18 - Miami Dolphins

Jaelan Phillips | Miami · Edge

After landing one of the top offensive talents, Miami gets another gem, but on the defensive side of the ball. Phillips will do well on Brian Flores' unit.

Pick 19 - Minnesota Vikings (projected trade with Washington)

Christian Darrisaw | Virginia Tech · OT

Minnesota fills a big need by solidifying the left tackle position after Riley Reiff's exit.

Pick 20 - Chicago Bears

Greg Newsome II | Northwestern · CB

Fuller created a void in the defense. Newsome is a versatile corner with good size and speed who can fill in on the back end.

Pick 21 - Indianapolis Colts

Kadarius Toney | Florida · WR

With T.Y. Hilton heading into his potential Indy swan song, the Colts need to find his replacement. Toney gives them a speed receiver. Indianapolis could also choose to trade up or back in Round 1 and target a left tackle.

Pick 22 - Tennessee Titans

Jalen Mayfield | Michigan · OT

In the wake of last year's disastrous Isaiah Wilson pick, Mayfield fills an immediate need at right tackle and further boosts Tennessee's dominant ground attack as a solid run blocker.

Pick 23 - New York Jets

Gregory Rousseau | Miami · Edge

The Jets address another need by taking a talented pass rusher who'll wreak havoc alongside Sheldon Rankins, Carl Lawson and Quinnen Williams.

Pick 24 - Pittsburgh Steelers

Justin Fields | Ohio State · QB

Pittsburgh is the perfect spot for Fields to develop behind a Hall of Fame quarterback for a year before taking over the offense.

Pick 25 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Pat Freiermuth | Penn State · TE

Now that the Jaguars have their franchise QB, they address the other offensive need not filled in free agency.

Pick 26 - Cleveland Browns

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah | Notre Dame · LB

Even after signing Jadeveon Clowney, the Browns add another talented defender who will have an immediate impact in pass coverage.

Pick 27 - Baltimore Ravens

Joe Tryon | Washington · Edge

Tryon has a high motor with a lot of quickness, and I expect he would've gone higher had he not opted out last season.

Pick 28 - New Orleans Saints

Asante Samuel Jr. | Florida State · CB

Janoris Jenkins is gone, and Marshon Lattimore is due to hit free agency next year. Samuel has the ability to step right in and contribute.

Pick 29 - Green Bay Packers

Zaven Collins | Tulsa · LB

Collins fills a big hole in the middle of Green Bay's defense. The Packers have always had success finding receivers on Days 2 and 3, and this year should be no different.

Pick 30 - Buffalo Bills

Tyson Campbell | Georgia · CB

The Chiefs exploited Bills cornerbacks in the AFC title game. Buffalo wastes zero time addressing this issue in the draft.

Pick 31 - Kansas City Chiefs

Liam Eichenberg | Notre Dame · OT

Eichenberg may need to start immediately at left tackle after all the turnover along the O-line. It's a big ask to protect the blind side of one of the league's top QBs.

Pick 32 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Najee Harris | Alabama · RB

The Bucs have the luxury of looking ahead a year after Jason Licht figured out a way to bring back all 22 starters from his Super Bowl-winning team. Harris is the future at the running back position, with Giovani Bernard, Leonard Fournette and Ronald Jones set to hit the open market in 2022.

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Pick 1 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence | Clemson · QB · Junior

No change here from my first mock, but how about an advanced nugget? Lawrence's résumé includes being asked to throw a lot of quick passes (like screens). In terms of getting his feet and hips set quickly in order to execute these passes, he ranks in the top two percent of my eight-season sample (percentage of quick passes where a QB's base was set in 1.5 seconds or less). This is important because quarterbacks who demonstrated stable bases in the sample translated to the NFL on quick passes at a faster rate than those who were not able to get set quickly. It took almost two full games for those who fell in the top five percent. This suggests Lawrence should be able to execute quick passes with a shorter learning curve (i.e., be more productive early on as a pro).

Pick 2 - New York Jets

Rashawn Slater | Northwestern · OT · Senior

Same general offensive line theme as my first mock, where I matched the Jets with Penei Sewell as a presumable right tackle. This time, my model gives a slight edge to Slater due to his versatility to play guard or tackle and be multiple right out the gate. The Jets have not addressed their very needy O-line this offseason beyond adding C Dan Feeney. This pick at No. 2 also reflects the positive addition of RB Tevin Coleman, whose scheme familiarity with new Jets OC Mike LaFleur means the spaces Slater could clear would hold even more value.

Here's my strategy note: It's logical to assume that the Niners have some idea of what the Jets are up to and vice-versa, especially given the number of San Francisco coaches who just relocated to Florham Park. It's not anything unfair or unusual -- it would have been smart of the Dolphins to presumably leverage this in their trade haul for No. 3 -- but this does strongly point to QB as the position selected here, and BYU's Zach Wilson is the strongest rumored selection. That said, the general point of this mock is to maximize each team's potential to win as many games as possible in 2021. My model gives Sam Darnold a 4.25 win share as the Jets' 2021 starter, while Wilson adds 3.93 wins.

And hey, we're in the thick of mock draft season. You've all seen a million first-round projections with Wilson going to the Jets. So ... what if they actually stick with Darnold and go another route? An approach, I might add, that no one has conclusively ruled out. How would that impact Round 1 as a whole? This is a useful thought exercise!

Pick 3 - San Francisco 49ers

Zach Wilson | BYU · QB · Junior

The 49ers traded up nine spots -- giving up two additional first-rounders and a third -- to target one position and one position only: quarterback. They're not even trying to hide it at this point, with head coach Kyle Shanahan admitting that the Niners feared being "left at the altar" in the QB derby if they had stayed in their original draft slot. Exploring a draft pick at any other position in this blurb would just seem like a pointless pursuit at this point. So, which QB would San Francisco take if Trevor Lawrence were the only one off the board?

My model takes into account each team's current status: roster makeup, opponents, scheme, etc. And with Wilson's ability in play-action matching well with Shanahan's system, the model gives him a 4.27 win share. Alabama QB Mac Jones, whose name keeps cropping up around the Niners, would add 3.77 wins.

Pick 4 - Atlanta Falcons

Kwity Paye | Michigan · Edge · Senior

Paye remains the optimal pick for Atlanta, but the gap between the next-best selection has narrowed. Drafting cornerback Patrick Surtain II to pair with last season's first-rounder, A.J. Terrell, is the Falcons' second-best option.

Pick 5 - Cincinnati Bengals

Penei Sewell | Oregon · OT · Junior

Who's most likely the biggest fan of my mock? Joe Burrow.

Pick 6 - Miami Dolphins

Kyle Pitts | Florida · TE · Junior

A good strategy note based on the Fins' recent trades: selecting just three slots lower generates a huge return. Sure, it may tip their hand that quarterback is not a focus in this draft, but it provides a ton of flexibility. Just to add context, let's do the trade-chart math: If you use the Jimmy Johnson chart, which is basically the gold standard, the third overall pick is worth 2,200 points, while the sixth is 1,600. So the difference is 600. Guess which pick is valued at 600? Pick 31 (second-to-last in Round 1). Mr. Grier, if you're reading this (and I hope you are, because that would be really cool), well done.

One last note: The difference between adding Ja'Marr Chase or Kyle Pitts is very slight.

Pick 7 - Detroit Lions

Ja'Marr Chase | LSU · WR · Junior

Should the Dolphins select Chase at No. 6, the next-best pick to increase the Lions' 2021 win total is linebacker Micah Parsons.

Pick 8 - Carolina Panthers

Trey Lance | North Dakota State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Christian McCaffrey's skill set has a big impact on helping shorten Lance's learning curve.

That said, I love a good hypothetical moment, so let's play with the model in a world with trades. The Panthers could shake things up league-wide. Let's say a QB like Jimmy Garoppolo or even Sam Darnold were to come available at a reasonable enough (or even favorable) cost, and the Panthers were to go that route. If they don't end up needing a QB on draft day, they'd match up with a corner here -- and they could also leverage another team's desire to snag a QB prospect in the first round into a nice gain. In other words, Carolina doesn't have to acquire an elite-level QB to drive a big change in their potential.

Pick 9 - Denver Broncos

Justin Fields | Ohio State · QB · Junior

Same pick here as last time. Denver is in an interesting spot, with the opportunity to trade up or down, depending on the strategy at the QB position. If the team wants to add a first-round QB, Fields is a fit, but a prospect who forecasts to be in the range of a late-first or early second-round pick (that is, in the trade-down range) and who really pops for the Broncos is Michigan tackle Jalen Mayfield, who would slot in on the right side of the offensive line. Personally, I would also love to see what coach Vic Fangio would do with linebacker Zaven Collins, who also projects in that same trade-down range. Given Fangio's teaching ability, Collins' ability to limit both catches and yards after the catch when in coverage projects at a rate that is in the top 15 percent of the 15-season sample.

Pick 10 - Dallas Cowboys

Patrick Surtain II | Alabama · CB · Junior

Projected press production on third downs drives this pick, which looks like one of the best fits for any selection in this first round. According to my model, Surtain is the corner with the highest ceiling.

Pick 11 - New York Giants

Gregory Rousseau | Miami · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Versatility of alignment, along with big-time upside, drives this. In my previous mock, I had Rousseau going to the Cowboys at No. 10 overall, but now he actually projects to most likely be drafted in the 20s, meaning this could be a prime situation for the G-Men to consider a trade down, especially with Alijah Vera-Tucker, whom I forecast at guard, also potentially falling to that range. With the possibility that these two high-value-add options could still be available, moving down to add draft capital might be a smart risk.

Pick 12 - Philadelphia Eagles

DeVonta Smith | Alabama · WR · Senior

In my draft forecast model, which is what I use to determine the likelihood of a prospect being available at a position when trades are possible, Smith and his Alabama teammate, Jaylen Waddle, have intersecting volatility bubbles -- which just means they are closely rated, and there are solid reason for each to be chosen ahead or behind the other. Smith is a more precise route runner, which drives him being slightly more valuable in my models. (Teams use this type of thing to help see how proposed trades impact player availability; the draft forecast model produces a percent likelihood.)

Pick 13 - Los Angeles Chargers

Christian Darrisaw | Virginia Tech · OT · Junior

Second-happiest person to read my mock draft? Justin Herbert.

Pick 14 - Minnesota Vikings

Alijah Vera-Tucker | USC · OG · Junior (RS)

This is the same selection for the Vikings that I had in 1.0, but now Vera-Tucker looks like an even stronger fit with Minnesota, given Kyle Rudolph's exit and very few offensive adds. Unclear whether Kirk Cousins or Dalvin Cook will be happier with this one.

Pick 15 - New England Patriots

Jaylen Waddle | Alabama · WR · Junior

Remember, this is a mock focused on maximizing wins next season, and Cam Newton has a lot of value.

Pick 16 - Arizona Cardinals

Jaycee Horn | South Carolina · CB · Junior

Adding Horn to the net impact of free-agent signings CB Malcolm Butler and DE J.J. Watt is a big gut punch to opposing passing games.

Pick 17 - Las Vegas Raiders

Micah Parsons | Penn State · LB · Junior

Parsons is listed as a linebacker in the program, but defending the slot in coverage is one of his strengths that forecasts to pay immediate dividends. The Raiders would be well-served to address the interior of their O-line in Round 2.

Pick 18 - Miami Dolphins

Jaelan Phillips | Miami · Edge · Junior (RS)

His burst from the line of scrimmage to 5 yards traveled after the snap was third-best in the FBS last season, and the Dolphins' front had the fourth-slowest burst in the league.

Pick 19 - Washington Football Team

Teven Jenkins | Oklahoma State · OT · Senior (RS)

Another trade target is Ron Rivera's squad. Left tackle is the optimal selection, and the level of competition Jenkins faced in college helps drive his quick adoption of the NFL playbook (on either side of the line).

Pick 20 - Chicago Bears

Greg Newsome II | Northwestern · CB · Junior

With Kyle Fuller's departure in free agency, the Bears need to reinforce the back end of the defense. Newsome's floor is very high -- and on this team, with this front, he'll be impactful in 2021, with his quick learning curve.

Pick 21 - Indianapolis Colts

Azeez Ojulari | Georgia · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

The need of a pass rush drives the pick value here, but wide receiver also pops.

Pick 22 - Tennessee Titans

Rashod Bateman | Minnesota · WR · Junior

The Titans added Josh Reynolds after losing Corey Davis and Jonnu Smith in free agency, but my model's pass-catching quotient fuels the selection of this versatile wideout.

Pick 23 - New York Jets

Caleb Farley | Virginia Tech · CB · Junior (RS)

The Jets still take a cornerback here. Farley's recent injury news -- though the expectation is that he'll be cleared for full activities before the start of training camp -- dropped him from the best CB in my model to the fourth-best. The Jets' upside of this pick has gone nowhere, though.

Pick 24 - Pittsburgh Steelers

Jalen Mayfield | Michigan · OT · Sophomore (RS)

Even with a lot of replenishing defensive pieces available -- and no certainty at the running back position -- my model strongly suggests taking the right tackle.

Pick 25 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah | Notre Dame · LB · Junior (RS)

This pick stays the same, though my model also likes TCU safety Trevon Moehrig here.

Pick 26 - Cleveland Browns

Jamin Davis | Kentucky · LB · Junior (RS)

I love what the Browns have done so far this offseason. To be honest, we aren't talking about it enough. Inserting Davis into the middle of the defense is a potentially huge upside add.

Pick 27 - Baltimore Ravens

Terrace Marshall Jr. | LSU · WR · Junior

Even with the addition of Sammy Watkins in free agency, this move optimizes offensive gains.

Pick 28 - New Orleans Saints

Kadarius Toney | Florida · WR · Senior

No change here from 1.0, but if a quarterback like Mac Jones is available ... Hmm ...

Pick 29 - Green Bay Packers

Rondale Moore | Purdue · WR · Junior

The Packers have been relatively stagnant in terms of offseason activity, increasing the questions and uncertainty they're facing, but adding Moore would help boost the pass-catching potential.

Pick 30 - Buffalo Bills

Christian Barmore | Alabama · DT · Sophomore (RS)

This would be a -- quite literally -- huge get for Buffalo. When considering the current DT market, this pairing drives a ton of value.

Pick 31 - Kansas City Chiefs

Samuel Cosmi | Texas · OT · Junior (RS)

One thing seems to be clear: Andy Reid wants to restructure his offensive line.

Pick 32 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Jayson Oweh | Penn State · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Oweh's speed and versatility land him in Tampa, and the growth potential under defensive coordinator Todd Bowles proves this to be an insanely good fit.

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Pick 1 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence | Clemson · QB

This one has been the books since the Jets beat the Rams in Los Angeles last December. I don't think Urban Meyer leaves the FOX Sports studios if Trevor Lawrence isn't available for Jacksonville at No. 1.

Pick 2 - New York Jets

Zach Wilson | BYU · QB

Well, the Sam Darnold trade sure makes this a lot clearer. Wilson fits so well with the modern NFL, showing the ability to make plays on the run, the arm strength to drive the ball vertically and the instincts to tuck and run for big gains when necessary. But similar to the Jags, the Jets now have to get Wilson support. They brought in Corey Davis, Keelan Cole Sr. and Tevin Coleman over the past few weeks and have nine total picks to work with.

Pick 3 - San Francisco 49ers

Mac Jones | Alabama · QB

The 49ers made a decisive trade to get to No. 3 overall. I honestly do not think they've made a decision on who the QB will be yet, but they wanted the flexibility to make that choice over the next few weeks. I will tell you this: Mac Jones' name didn't pop up out of nowhere. And I don't think it's a smoke screen. He has all of the traits Kyle Shanahan is looking for.

Pick 4 - New England Patriots (projected trade with Falcons)

Justin Fields | Ohio State · QB

This would be a trade that rocks the NFL, but I don't think it's too crazy. The Patriots don't envision having a pick as high as they currently do (15th) anytime soon, and this is their year to make a big move if they're ever going to get their blue-chip QB to develop. Fields was a highly recruited player who performed on the biggest of stages. This year's first- and second-rounder (No. 46) plus next year's first and third could be enough for New England to get Atlanta to move back 11 spots.

Pick 5 - Cincinnati Bengals

Ja'Marr Chase | LSU · WR

The Bengals can't go wrong if things play out this way. Penei Sewell, Rashawn Slater and Kyle Pitts all would be excellent selections for Cincinnati. But Chase racked up 84 catches, 1,780 yards and 20 touchdowns in a season with Joe Burrow at LSU. Let them thrive together for years to come in Cincy.

Pick 6 - Miami Dolphins

Rashawn Slater | Northwestern · OT

Most mock drafts have Penei Sewell coming off the board before Slater, but a few teams have told me it'll be the other way around. Miami took offensive linemen with early picks last year, but I think they'll continue to build there and protect the QB.

Pick 7 - Arizona Cardinals (projected trade with Lions)

Kyle Pitts | Florida · TE

Pitts isn't falling out of the top eight. Too many teams are intoxicated by him. I've got the Cardinals as aggressors – as they've been all offseason – with Steve Keim bringing in yet another weapon for Kyler Murray. Arizona gives up this year's first-rounder, next year's first and next year's third to move up from No. 16.

Pick 8 - Carolina Panthers

Penei Sewell | Oregon · OT

Now that the QB position has been addressed -- for the time being -- the Panthers can look to add the best player on their board. Sewell is a prime talent and would be a tremendous value at eighth overall.

Pick 9 - Denver Broncos

Trey Lance | North Dakota State · QB

The QB carousel goes round and round, and it appears Denver still doesn't have a new one. Lance could go as high as No. 3 or remain available until the middle of Round 1. I think Denver makes a whole lot of sense if he's available here.

Pick 10 - Dallas Cowboys

Patrick Surtain II | Alabama · CB

The first defensive player off the board, and it's a cornerback to a team in desperate need of help there. Surtain would join his former Crimson Tide teammate, Trevon Diggs, in Dan Quinn's defensive backfield.

Pick 11 - New York Giants

Micah Parsons | Penn State · LB

The Giants have been aggressive and proactive in free agency, but they still have holes to fill. As much as giving Daniel Jones another weapon is a priority, Parsons fits what they need on defense and could be an immediate standout in both pass and run defense.

Pick 12 - Philadelphia Eagles

Jaylen Waddle | Alabama · WR

Could the Eagles really go with a WR in the first round a year after taking a WR in the first round? Yes. Waddle's medicals will come in and we'll see where he's at health-wise, but I won't be surprised if Howie Roseman and Co. go ahead and grab the talented wideout (and former Jalen Hurts teammate) to pair with Jalen Reagor.

Pick 13 - Los Angeles Chargers

Christian Darrisaw | Virginia Tech · OT

The Chargers made two big O-line signings in free agency -- C Corey Linsley and OG Matt Feiler -- but I don't think they're necessarily done there. The goal is to protect Justin Herbert at all costs. Darrisaw is a fast-rising prospect who can play across the offensive front.

Pick 14 - Minnesota Vikings

Kwity Paye | Michigan · Edge

Paye improved every year at the college level and can play all three downs. He's as polished as any of the QB hunters in this class. Minnesota needs pass-rush help ASAP.

Pick 15 - Atlanta Falcons (projected trade with Patriots)

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah | Notre Dame · LB

Yes, they have Deion Jones. But the division rival Bucs have Devin White and Lavonte David, and how's that working out? Owusu-Koramoah is a wild-card prospect -- he's going to be playing at 220-230 pounds -- but he fits the bill for the 2021 LB prototype. Atlanta needs a lot of defensive help.

Pick 16 - Detroit Lions (projected trade with Cardinals)

DeVonta Smith | Alabama · WR

If Detroit trades out of No. 7, scoops up some additional picks and still gets Smith, I'd see that as a Day 1 home run. The Alabama product has elite ball skills, won in big spots and is a gamer in every sense of the word. The Lions bid farewell to their top two wideouts in free agency, and Golden Tate a year before that. Insert the Heisman winner.

Pick 17 - Las Vegas Raiders

Greg Newsome II | Northwestern · CB

This could be higher than other mock drafts have Newsome going, but I think teams are higher on the Northwestern CB than the rest of our "draft media" world. He is smart, tough and brings a professionalism to the field. The Raiders will be looking to continue their offseason trend: beefing up the defense.

Pick 18 - Miami Dolphins

Najee Harris | Alabama · RB

The Dolphins had some success with a running back by committee last season, but Harris is a cut above. He'd be joining his college teammate, Tua Tagovailoa, in Miami's quest to win its first AFC East crown since 2008.

Pick 19 - Washington Football Team

Trevon Moehrig | TCU · S

I had Moehrig as a top-10 prospect in the draft before the end of the NFL season. That doesn't mean he'll go in the top 10, but I think he's that talented. A do-it-all safety who can play some CB if you need -- he's smart, talented and would be a fantastic addition to the back end of Ron Rivera's D.

Pick 20 - Chicago Bears

Kadarius Toney | Florida · WR

I think the Bears are going to do everything they can to get more offensive firepower in this draft. Toney is as hard a player to tackle as there is in this draft class. He's tough, he's competitive and he's a perfect complement to (or eventual replacement for) WR1 Allen Robinson.

Pick 21 - Indianapolis Colts

Jaycee Horn | South Carolina · CB

Horn gave up just eight catches on passes thrown in his direction last year, per Pro Football Focus. He has a professional build and competitive spirit. This defense's tone is set by Darius Leonard. Horn would match that fire on the back end.

Pick 22 - Tennessee Titans

Jaelan Phillips | Miami · Edge

Phillips was the standout defensive player at Miami's pro day, but he's really all about upside and potential. He offers burning speed and a desire for excellence -- he wants to be coached. I don't think the Bud Dupree and Denico Autry signings mean the Titans are done upgrading their awful pass rush from a season ago.

Pick 23 - New York Jets

Rondale Moore | Purdue · WR

Moore is a beast and a nightmare to tackle after the catch. He's neither a burner nor a huge physical specimen, but he fits everything the Jets are looking to be. Think Deebo Samuel, with his ability to carry the ball, catch the ball and generally be a DC's headache week in and week out.

Pick 24 - Pittsburgh Steelers

Landon Dickerson | Alabama · C

The ACL tear in the SEC Championship Game will scare off a lot of teams, but if Pittsburgh needs anything, it's a way to immediately address an ailing run game. Dickerson is supposed to be healthy by the start of the season. Will he be anything close to Maurkice Pouncey? Of course not ... yet.

Pick 25 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Jayson Oweh | Penn State · Edge

Urban Meyer knows how critical the pass rush is to building a champion. The Jags finished last season with the second-fewest sacks (18) in the NFL. Oweh is a one-year starter, but ran an absurd 4.36 40-yard dash at his pro day, can pressure the QB and can be an immediate contributor to a defense that can use one.

Pick 26 - Cleveland Browns

Gregory Rousseau | Miami · Edge

Rousseau didn't have the lights-out pro day everyone wanted to see, but he still has the lights-out potential. He's put on a ton of weight since he got to Miami and is just scratching the surface. A 2020 opt-out who is a hard evaluation with just one full year of college football, Rousseau's upside remains enticing, especially in the back end of Round 1.

Pick 27 - Baltimore Ravens

Caleb Farley | Virginia Tech · CB

The Ravens have a great, young defensive backfield. They're not done adding to it. Farley, who is only available at this point because of health concerns, combines 4.4 speed with good NFL size. Wink Martindale and the Ravens' D will find a way to make him shine even brighter than he did in college.

Pick 28 - New Orleans Saints

Zaven Collins | Tulsa · LB

Collins is a 6-foot-5 gazelle at LB, able to cover in space and also get to the QB. The Saints are in a fork-in-the-road period as a franchise, with questions at several areas. Collins is the type of impact player who can help in Year 1.

Pick 29 - Green Bay Packers

Nick Bolton | Missouri · LB

Joe Barry is the new DC and his specialty is LB play. I'm not sure GB's defense didn't miss Blake Martinez roaming the middle in big games last year. Bolton isn't going to jump off the page with eye-popping athleticism, but everyone says he'll be the QB of whichever defense he joins.

Pick 30 - Buffalo Bills

Asante Samuel Jr. | Florida State · CB

Samuel can play multiple positions in the defensive backfield and had an outstanding season in 2020, giving up just 179 yards in eight games, per PFF. He also had an impressive pro day to back up the solid career in Tallahassee.

Pick 31 - Kansas City Chiefs

Terrace Marshall Jr. | LSU · WR

LSU has been so loaded with talent the past few years that Marshall's name has almost gone under the radar in NFL draft circles. The 6-foot-3, 205-pounder scored 23 touchdowns in 19 games over the past two seasons.

Pick 32 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Davis Mills | Stanford · QB

I don't know where Mills goes exactly, but the buzz around the league is that he could be a first-round pick and will most likely be the sixth quarterback selected. I'll throw him to Tampa Bay, where he can learn from a pretty good QB1.

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Pick 1 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence | Clemson · QB · Junior

Lawrence has rare potential and special traits. I'm not wavering from my projection for the presumptive No. 1 overall pick.

Pick 2 - New York Jets

Zach Wilson | BYU · QB · Junior

Wilson made some big, splashy throws at his pro day, and my guess is the Jets are locked in on him being the new face of the offense.

Pick 3 - San Francisco 49ers

Trey Lance | North Dakota State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Lance was the projected selection for the 49ers in my mock draft 1.0, when they held the No. 12 pick, so it won't be a surprise if he's the player they're targeting after trading up. He's such a perfect fit for Kyle Shanahan's offense.

Pick 4 - Atlanta Falcons

Patrick Surtain II | Alabama · CB · Junior

The Falcons could take a quarterback here to learn behind Matt Ryan or trade out of this spot, but Surtain is the pick they need as a lockdown cornerback.

Pick 5 - Cincinnati Bengals

Penei Sewell | Oregon · OT · Junior

Sewell will need some development from a physical and technical standpoint, but I expect him to start early on, which will lead to Jonah Williams moving inside to guard.

Pick 6 - Miami Dolphins

Ja'Marr Chase | LSU · WR · Junior

With the move down the board, the Dolphins add draft capital and still land the player they covet. Great job by GM Chris Grier and his team.

Pick 7 - Detroit Lions

DeVonta Smith | Alabama · WR · Senior

The Lions must add more help at receiver for Jared Goff. Smith is the most talented inside/outside target in this draft.

Pick 8 - Carolina Panthers

Mac Jones | Alabama · QB · Junior (RS)

Carolina gets a quarterback with good accuracy and quick eyes who is coming off of a season that was eerily similar to Joe Burrow's when Panthers OC Joe Brady coached him at LSU.

Pick 9 - Denver Broncos

Justin Fields | Ohio State · QB · Junior

Selecting Fields would be a bold -- but potentially necessary -- move for the team to take the next step.

Pick 10 - Dallas Cowboys

Rashawn Slater | Northwestern · OL · Senior

Slater has the versatility to play any position on the O-line and will help strengthen a Cowboys front five that was decimated by injuries last season.

Pick 11 - New York Giants

Kyle Pitts | Florida · TE · Junior

Dream scenario here, as the Giants get a chance to choose between electric speed (Jaylen Waddle) and matchup talent (Pitts). I see them taking the latter.

Pick 12 - Philadelphia Eagles

Jaylen Waddle | Alabama · WR · Junior

Moving back and grabbing Jalen Hurts' former Alabama teammate is a strong play. Waddle can help open up the offense and threaten with yards-after-catch throws underneath.

Pick 13 - Los Angeles Chargers

Christian Darrisaw | Virginia Tech · OT · Junior

While the Chargers could use a cornerback, they almost have to have a left tackle. Darrisaw is one of the more talented blind-side protectors in this draft.

Pick 14 - Minnesota Vikings

Alijah Vera-Tucker | USC · OL · Junior (RS)

Vera-Tucker's arms ended up being shorter than expected at his pro day, but he still gives the Vikings a much-needed addition with guard/tackle flexibility.

Pick 15 - New England Patriots

Micah Parsons | Penn State · LB · Junior

Parsons could slip due to character concerns, but he's super talented and Bill Belichick's "Patriots Way" might be a good fit for the young linebacker.

Pick 16 - Arizona Cardinals

Jaycee Horn | South Carolina · CB · Junior

Big win for the Cardinals here if Horn falls to them. He has all the physical tools Arizona could be looking for and is capable of starting right away.

Pick 17 - Las Vegas Raiders

Christian Barmore | Alabama · DT · Sophomore (RS)

Many mock drafts have Las Vegas targeting a linebacker here, but Barmore is a true two-way defensive tackle who can improve the Raiders' run defense and interior pass rush.

Pick 18 - Miami Dolphins

Kwity Paye | Michigan · Edge · Senior

During last week's Michigan pro day, Paye blazed a 4.52 40-yard dash at 261 pounds, while also posting impressive numbers in the vertical leap (35.5 inches), broad jump (9 feet, 10 inches) and bench press (36 reps). A strained quadriceps prevented Paye from performing the agility drills -- where he was really supposed to turn heads -- but he's established himself as one of the freakiest athletes in this class. It's not hard to imagine Dolphins GM Chris Grier and coach Brian Flores falling in love with these traits.

Pick 19 - Washington Football Team

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah | Notre Dame · LB · Junior (RS)

Big-time talent who brings an explosive blend of speed, aggression and versatility. He's still learning, but should become a high-end linebacker with rush and cover ability, as well.

Pick 20 - Chicago Bears

Gregory Rousseau | Miami · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Robert Quinn, last offseason's big addition on a five-year $70 million deal, provided a grand total of two sacks in 2020. Rousseau remains raw, with just 15 college games under his belt, but he offers enticing length and athleticism on the edge.

Pick 21 - Indianapolis Colts

Jayson Oweh | Penn State · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

GM Chris Ballard could opt for cornerback help, but he usually looks to build the fronts. Not many men walk the Earth with Oweh's size and athletic profile. Ballard just might swing the bat on pass rush here.

Pick 22 - Tennessee Titans

Greg Newsome II | Northwestern · CB · Junior

Newsome's stock has been on the rise after an electric pro day. The Titans need a cornerback, and the highly competitive Northwestern product feels like a perfect fit.

Pick 23 - New York Jets

Azeez Ojulari | Georgia · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Ojulari will need to refine his pass-rushing plan to consistently succeed at the next level, but the raw explosiveness showcased at his pro day is special.

Pick 24 - Pittsburgh Steelers

Zaven Collins | Tulsa · LB · Junior (RS)

When the need matches the talent available, everyone is happy. Collins has throwback size, but new-school athleticism and coverage ability as a three-down player.

Pick 25 - Jacksonville Jaguars

Teven Jenkins | Oklahoma State · OT · Senior (RS)

The Jaguars immediately protect the investment they made at No. 1 overall, giving Trevor Lawrence a mauling blocker who can immediately start at guard or tackle.

Pick 26 - Cleveland Browns

Jaelan Phillips | Miami · Edge · Junior (RS)

The former five-star recruit carries some medical concerns, but he brings a rare skill set off the edge. Phillips and Myles Garrett could wreak havoc in Cleveland.

Pick 27 - Baltimore Ravens

Terrace Marshall Jr. | LSU · WR · Junior

The Ravens need more juice in the passing game, and Marshall offers an alluring size-speed combo out wide.

Pick 28 - New Orleans Saints

Elijah Moore | Mississippi · WR · Junior

The versatile wideout with soft hands and outstanding toughness can win from any alignment, working all areas of the field. Not a bad piece to have in the post-Drew Brees era.

Pick 29 - Green Bay Packers

Tyson Campbell | Georgia · CB · Junior

Campbell is still in need of polish, but has impressive size and speed to help inject some new life into the Packers' back end.

Pick 30 - Buffalo Bills

Caleb Farley | Virginia Tech · CB · Junior (RS)

Farley's slotting in the first round is tenuous in the wake of an additional back procedure. While he's expected to be ready for camp, the Bills will need to have their team doctors clear him. This would be tremendous value if he ends up being ready to rock.

Pick 31 - Kansas City Chiefs

Landon Dickerson | Alabama · C · Senior (RS)

Dickerson is a coach's dream with his infectious attitude, toughness and versatility along the interior. The only thing preventing him from being a first-round lock is a concerning injury history.

Pick 32 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Travis Etienne | Clemson · RB · Senior

Etienne is violent, fast and able to impact the game on all three downs. He would be an immediate upgrade to the Tampa offense that could continue beyond Tom Brady's tenure.

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Round 1 - Pick 1

Trevor Lawrence QB

CLEMSON • JR • 6'6" / 220 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Jacksonville	1st	1st

Will this change? No chance. He's the clear top pick in this draft. The Jaguars did do some good things in free agency to help him.

Round 1 - Pick 2

From New York Jets

Zach Wilson QB

BYU • JR • 6'3" / 210 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
N.Y. Jets	2nd	2nd

They would be moving on from Sam Darnold with this pick, but if Wilson is what some think he will become, it's the right move. Wilson has some Aaron Rodgers to his game.

Round 1 - Pick 3

From Miami Dolphins

Justin Fields QB

OHIO STATE • JR • 6'3" / 228 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
San Francisco	7th	3rd

They could let him sit behind Jimmy Garoppolo for a year and then he would take over. I don't believe the Mac Jones hype in this spot. Fields would fit in Kyle Shanahan's scheme.

Round 1 - Pick 4

Trey Lance QB

NORTH DAKOTA STATE • SOPH • 6'4" / 226 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Atlanta	10th	4th

He is a raw prospect, so he could spend a year or so behind Matt Ryan. His mobility would work in their offense. Lance needs to work on his mechanics.

Round 1 - Pick 5

Kyle Pitts TE

FLORIDA • JR • 6'6" / 240 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Cincinnati	5th	1st

By signing veteran Riley Reiff, they can pass on a tackle here and take the best offensive weapon in this class. They could come back and get a tackle later in the draft. Pitts would become a big-time favorite of Joe Burrow.

Round 1 - Pick 6

From Philadelphia Eagles

Ja'Marr Chase WR

LSU • JR • 6'0" / 208 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Miami	3rd	1st

The Dolphins move down, get a player they might have taken at No. 3 and add an extra first-round pick in doing so. That's killing the draft.

Round 1 - Pick 7

Jaylen Waddle WR

ALABAMA • JR • 5'10" / 182 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Detroit	8th	2nd

The Lions have issues outside in their passing game, even with the additions of a few receivers in free agency. In this mock, they opt for Waddle over DeVonta Smith.

Round 1 - Pick 8

From Carolina Panthers

Penei Sewell OL

OREGON • JR • 6'6" / 330 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Carolina	4th	1st

They have an issue at left tackle and this kid would step in and start right away. They could also make a play to move up and get a quarterback.

Round 1 - Pick 9

Micah Parsons LB

PENN STATE • JR • 6'3" / 244 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Denver	6th	1st

They upgraded in a big way at corner in free agency by landing Kyle Fuller and Ronald Darby, so it's time up improve the linebacker group. Parsons can be an every-down player. He does have some character questions.

Round 1 - Pick 10

Patrick Surtain II CB

ALABAMA • JR • 6'2" / 203 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Dallas	15th	2nd

They have to get help at corner and Surtain impressed last week at his pro day. I think he's the top corner in this draft. He's polished.

Round 1 - Pick 11

Gregory Rousseau EDGE

MIAMI (FL) • SOPH • 6'7" / 265 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
N.Y. Giants	36th	2nd

They helped their team in some critical spots in free agency, mostly corner and receiver, and now they can address another major problem by taking an edge rusher.

Round 1 - Pick 12

From San Francisco 49ers

Devonta Smith WR

ALABAMA • JR • 6'1" / 175 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Philadelphia	9th	3rd

They have to get better in the passing game and Smith would help do that. Jalen Hurts looks like he's their quarterback, so why not get him some help?

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Round 1 - Pick 13

Christian Darrisaw OL

VIRGINIA TECH • JR • 6'5" / 314 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
L.A. Chargers	14th	3rd

They upgraded inside on their line in free agency, so landing a potential star left tackle would make sense. Darrisaw might end up as the best in this class.

Round 1 - Pick 14

Rashawn Slater OL

NORTHWESTERN • JR • 6'3" / 305 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Minnesota	13th	2nd

They let Riley Reiff go, which means they need a left tackle. Slater has some impressive tape from 2019, but he did opt out last year. He also could play guard if they want to play Ezra Cleveland at tackle.

Round 1 - Pick 15

Mac Jones QB

ALABAMA • JR • 6'3" / 214 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
New England	19th	5th

They have Cam Newton on a one-year deal, so landing a future starter makes sense. Jones could sit and watch and then take over next season with all the new weapons the Pats signed in free agency having a year under the belt in the offense.

Round 1 - Pick 16

Greg Newsome II DB

NORTHWESTERN • JR • 6'1" / 190 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Arizona	69th	4th

They lost Patrick Peterson in free agency and needed a young corner even if he had stayed. They did sign veteran Malcom Butler and brought back Robert Alford, but Newsome is an impressive player when you watch him on tape.

Round 1 - Pick 17

Jaycee Horn CB

SOUTH CAROLINA • JR • 6'1" / 205 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Las Vegas	35th	5th

They need help at corner and Horn is the type of player who can step in and start right away. He had an impressive pro day workout last week to help his cause.

Round 1 - Pick 18

Zaven Collins LB

TULSA • JR • 6'4" / 260 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Miami	28th	4th

The versatile run-and-chase linebacker would fit perfectly in their scheme. He can also rush the passer from the edge, with some scouts thinking that would be his strength on the next level.

Round 1 - Pick 19

Alijah Vera-Tucker OL

USC • JR • 6'4" / 315 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Washington	17th	4th

They still have questions at left tackle. Even if they can settle on a player there, Tucker has also played guard in his career. He could easily move inside.

Round 1 - Pick 20

Teven Jenkins OL

OKLAHOMA STATE • SR • 6'6" / 320 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Chicago	24th	5th

Their tackle situation is problematic on the right side, and Jenkins could step in and start right away. He is a nasty player who would fit their offense.

Round 1 - Pick 21

Carlos Basham Jr. EDGE

WAKE FOREST • SR • 6'5" / 285 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Indianapolis	46th	4th

He is a player who scouts seem to like a lot more than the draft analysts. He has the size and speed to be a nice edge player in their defense.

Round 1 - Pick 22

Kadarius Toney WR

FLORIDA • SR • 6'0" / 193 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Tennessee	22nd	5th

They lost Corey Davis to free agency, so adding a speedy replacement would make sense, even if they did add Josh Reynolds in free agency. Toney is a dynamic playmaker who would give Ryan Tannehill another threat to go with A.J. Brown.

Round 1 - Pick 23

From Seattle Seahawks

Ronnie Perkins DE

OKLAHOMA • JR • 6'3" / 247 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
N.Y. Jets	55th	1st

Taking Perkins would give the Jets a nice 1-2 pass-rushing combo in Robert Saleh's defense with Perkins and Carl Lawson, who was signed as a free agent. They could go receiver here as well.

Round 1 - Pick 24

Liam Eichenberg OL

NOTRE DAME • SR • 6'6" / 302 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Pittsburgh	144th	24th

They need to find a left tackle with Alejandro Villanueva a free agent, even if Villanueva does come back. Eichenberg is a good, solid player who can step in and start right away.

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Round 1 - Pick 25

From Los Angeles Rams

Travis Etienne RB

CLEMSON • SR • 5'10" / 205 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Jacksonville	30th	1st

They need speed in the backfield and Etienne is a home-run threat. Why not add him with his quarterback in the same round?

Round 1 - Pick 26

Jaelan Phillips DL

MIAMI (FL) • JR • 6'5" / 266 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Cleveland	20th	2nd

They need to get some edge help for Myles Garrett. They did a nice job upgrading the secondary in free agency, but it won't matter as much if they don't get Garrett some help.

Round 1 - Pick 27

Azeez Ojulari LB

GEORGIA • SOPH • 6'3" / 240 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Baltimore	16th	2nd

The Ravens lost two edge players in free agency in Yannick Ngakoue (Raiders) and Matt Judon (Patriots). They have to come out of this draft with some edge help. Ojulari could end up being the best of this edge group.

Round 1 - Pick 28

Caleb Farley CB

VIRGINIA TECH • JR • 6'2" / 207 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
New Orleans	11th	1st

The back injury will drop Farley down to this spot, which will allow the Saints to land one of the top physical corners in the draft. The Saints need a young corner to develop in their defense.

Round 1 - Pick 29

Rondale Moore WR

PURDUE • SOPH • 5'9" / 180 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Green Bay	18th	4th

Can you imagine Moore in their offense? He would add a dimension in the passing game that would really create issues for a defense. Yes, he is small, but he can fly.

Round 1 - Pick 30

Kwity Paye DL

MICHIGAN • SR • 6'4" / 272 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Buffalo	12th	1st

Their pass rush is in need of an upgrade, so landing Paye here would work. He is raw, but there is a lot of talent to mold into a quality edge player.

Round 1 - Pick 31

Jayson Oweh EDGE

PENN STATE • SOPH • 6'5" / 253 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Kansas City	21st	1st

Oweh needs some work on his technique, but he plays hard and he has a ton of talent. Lost in the poor play of the Chiefs' offensive line in the Super Bowl was their inability to pressure the quarterback. Oweh would help fix that.

Round 1 - Pick 32

Levi Onwuzurike DL

WASHINGTON • JR • 6'3" / 293 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Tampa Bay	32nd	3rd

Yes, they are bringing Ndamukong Suh back on a one-year deal. But they need a player inside for the future. Onwuzurike opted out last year, but he is a power player.

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars (1-15)

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson (6-6, 220 pounds)

The Jaguars need a franchise passer for Urban Meyer and they're locked into whom they think will be a transcendent prospect.

2. New York Jets (2-14)

Zach Wilson, QB, BYU (6-3, 210 pounds)

The Jets have made this the second no-brainer in the draft, going for his attractive arm and athleticism combination in replacing traded Sam Darnold.

3. San Francisco (from Texans through Dolphins)

Mac Jones, QB, Alabama (6-3, 214 pounds)

There seems to be more clarity of late on which quarterback the 49ers targeted in their blockbuster trade up with the Dolphins. They should think the immediate high floor of Jones in Kyle Shanahan's system is worth it, edging out the raw, higher upside of Trey Lance.

4. Atlanta Falcons (4-12)

Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State (6-4, 226 pounds)

Speaking of Lance, he didn't operate from new offensive-minded head coach Arthur Smith's playbook on his pro day by accident. The Falcons are set to stash this youngster to succeed Matt Ryan in 2022.

5. Cincinnati Bengals (4-11-1)

Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon (6-5, 325 pounds)

Getting Joe Burrow another big-time playmaker at wide receiver or tight end will be tempting but upgrading the pass protection is vital. Sewell still is the best all-around tackle in this class with his smooth agility for pass protection and rock-like stature for the running game.

6. Miami Dolphins (from Eagles)

Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU (6-1, 200 pounds)

The Dolphins moved down three spots and still may end up with their top early target. Chase can be a do-everything No. 1 who lines up everywhere to complement DeVante Parker well and will make Tua Tagovailoa very happy.

7. Detroit Lions (5-11)

DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama (6-1, 170 pounds)

The Lions would be ready to jump on Chase should he slip and also will need to give thought to Smith's former Alabama teammate, Jaylen Waddle. Ultimately, after being gutted at the position in free agency, they need to go with the best all-around No. 1 available.

8. Carolina Panthers (5-11)

Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech (6-2, 207 pounds)

The Panthers invested enough in acquiring Darnold to think they're no longer in the QB-drafting business. They do need a lot of cornerback help to complement Donte Jackson, and a flyer on big fading fromer Bronco A.J. Bouye won't cut it. Farley can develop into a big, longer-term shutdown solution.

9. Denver Broncos (5-11)

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State (6-3, 233 pounds)

The Broncos have to be thrilled about the Panthers' deal for Darnold, because it ensures they can get a much-needed passing and athletic upgrade from Drew Lock early. Fields can be a great fit in Denver, which should take good advantage of his dual threat.

10. Dallas Cowboys (6-10)

Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama (6-2, 203 pounds)

Surtain vs. Farley as the top corner is a good debate and the Cowboys can't go wrong with either one to take of care their primary defensive need with one of the two safest defensive picks in the draft.

11. New York Giants

Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern (6-4, 315 pounds)

The Giants are working hard to clean up everything for Daniel Jones in Year 3 and a second young tackle after taking Andrew Thomas last year is the final step. Slater can take over the left side soon and let Thomas settle into a more comfortable spot on the right side anchoring the run blocking for Saquon Barkley.

12. Philadelphia Eagles (from 49ers through Dolphins)

Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida (6-6, 246 pounds)

The Eagles will hope things play out this way with both the Falcons and Bengals not taking Pitts well ahead of them. They should still be trading Zach Ertz and targeting Pitts as Jalen Hurts' new ultimate security blanket with a heavy dose of dynamic athleticism for the position.

13. Los Angeles Chargers (7-9)

Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama (5-10, 182 pounds)

The Chargers will be locked into Waddle should he slip out of the top 10 as a new big-play target for Justin Herbert to complement Keenan Allen well and become a field-stretching upgrade over oft-injured Mike Williams.

14. Minnesota Vikings (7-9)

Alijah Vera-Tucker, OT/G, USC (6-4, 300 pounds)

The Vikings need to upgrade the left side of their line in some form and Vera-Tucker's versatility and blend of strength and athleticism will get him a starting gig either inside or outside.

15. New England Patriots (7-9)

Micah Parsons, ILB, Penn State (6-3, 245 pounds)

The Patriots will look out for quarterback values later but should be fine taking a rangy playmaker to clean up and lead for Bill Belichick on the second level as Dont'a Hightower's successor.

16. Arizona Cardinals (8-8)

Gregory Rousseau, EDGE, Miami (6-6, 260 pounds)

The Cardinals lost the sack impact of Haason Reddick in free agency and Chandler Jones is 31. Rousseau would be a good situational rusher now and develop into a regular starter soon.

17. Las Vegas Raiders (8-8)

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, OLB, Notre Dame (6-2, 216 pounds)

The Raiders invested in Cory Littleton and Nick Kwiatkoski in free agency with limited return in 2020 so going after a natural run stopper with coverage instincts makes sense to round out their second level.

18. Miami Dolphins (10-6)

Kwity Paye, EDGE, Michigan (6-4, 272 pounds)

Some look at Paye as more of an inside pass-rushing force but regardless, he's an athletic freak for his size and Brian Flores will love him adding to the multiplicity of their defensive front.

19. Washington Football Team (7-9)

Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech (6-5, 314 pounds)

Washington needs to lock down left tackle a season removed from Trent Williams and the talent and value of Darrisaw works out nicely.

20. Chicago Bears (8-8)

Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida (5-11, 190 pounds)

The Bears need to think about getting more dynamic away from Allen Robinson and Darnell Mooney and their disappointment in Anthony Miller calls for a giffted slot with some field-stretching skills.

21. Indianapolis Colts (11-5)

Sam Cosmi, OT, Texas (6-6, 314 pounds)

The Colts saw Anthony Castonzo go into retirement and the nice-sized and pedigreed Cosmi is a solid immediate replacement option.

22. Tennessee Titans (11-5)

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State (6-5, 310 pounds)

The Titans need to address their weakness created by Jack Conklin leaving for the Browns last offseason and Jenkins is the prototypical right tackle rock.

23. New York Jets (from Seattle Seahawks)

Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina (6-1, 205 pounds)

Horn, the son of former NFL wide receiver Joe, is a good primary piece to add for the rebuild at cornerback under Robert Saleh.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers (12-4)

Najee Harris, RB, Alabama (6-2, 230 pounds)

The Steelers will think about Jenkins for their run blocking should he be available, but they also can't go wrong with the powerful Haris, who can be a major, durable three-down workhorse upgrade from James Conner.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (from Los Angeles Rams)

Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama (6-3, 310 pounds)

The Jaguars need some beef and inside pass-rush burst in their defensive rebuild and Barmore, after a big postseason, would be the ideal force.

26. Cleveland Browns (11-5)

Azeez Ojulari, OLB, Georgia (6-3, 240 pounds)

The Browns need some pass-rush and coverage versatility to support their front and the rest of their linebackers and Ojulari would be great for Joe Woods.

27. Baltimore Ravens (11-5)

Jaelan Phillips, EDGE, Miami (6-5, 266 pounds)

Phillips has passed his former teammate Rousseau on some boards but regardless, the Ravens, after getting gutted in free agency, need to go after someone who could be their next Terrell Suggs.

28. New Orleans Saints (12-4)

Joseph Ossai, EDGE, Texas (6-3, 245 pounds)

The Saints lost Trey Hendrickson opposite Cameron Jordan in free agency and can rebound well with Ossai playing end for Dennis Allen.

29. Green Bay Packers (13-3)

Jalen Mayfield, OT, Michigan (6-5, 319 pounds)

The Packers need to think about right tackle in the short term and Mayfield would be a welcome athletic presence opposite all-world pass protector David Bakhtiari.

30. Buffalo Bills (13-3)

Jayson Oweh, EDGE, Penn State (6-5, 257 pounds)

File Oweh right along with Paye as a freakish pass-rush prospect with major upside and the Bills should be happy to have him to revamp their pressure under Leslie Frazier and Sean McDermott.

31. Kansas City Chiefs (14-2)

Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern (6-0, 192 pounds)

The Chiefs could use a big corner for the outside and Newsome is a technically skilled cover man who makes a lot of plays on the ball.

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (11-5)

Levi Onwuzurike, DT, Washington (6-3, 290 pounds)

Ndamukong Suh is back for another season but he's 34 so the Bucs should think about stashing this quick, strong prospect to pair with Vita Vea.

2021 MOCK DRAFTS

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson

No need to explain this one.

2. New York Jets

Zach Wilson, QB, BYU

In the end, my feeling is the chance to reset the quarterback-on-a-rookie-contract clock, along with Wilson's upside, will be too much for the Jets to pass up.

3. Denver Broncos (trade with the Dolphins, who currently have this pick via the Texans)

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State

Curveball! Carolina and New England could make moves up, too. But new Denver GM George Paton has been on the ground at the quarterback pro days, and I'm not ruling out a big first statement from the new guy in charge. The Dolphins will receive the Broncos' No. 9 pick below.

4. Atlanta Falcons

Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

The Falcons are another team that's had its decision-makers' boots on the ground for all the big quarterback pro days. So let's make a little history here, and go, quarterbacks 1-2-3-4.

5. Cincinnati Bengals

Ja'Marr Chase, WR LSU

I could easily see Penei Sewell or Rashawn Slater going here, but word on the street is that Joe Burrow is stumping for Cincy to bring his old Tiger teammate to Ohio. And the Riley Reiff signing gives the Bengals the flexibility to add a playmaker who's an ideal stylistic fit for their quarterback.

6. Philadelphia Eagles

Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida

GM Howie Roseman loves his tight ends, and with Zach Ertz on his way out, and Chase off the board, Philly can add a unique player at the position to help Jalen Hurts (even after looking at whether it'd be worth displacing Hurts should one of the four quarterbacks above slip to them).

7. Detroit Lions

Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon

Sewell's maturity has come into question as teams evaluate the 20-year-old, but his physical ability is undeniable. Sewell has All-Pro talent. And Dan Campbell and Brad Holmes come from places that weren't shy about overinvesting in the line, so they'd figure it out with Sewell and Taylor Decker.

8. Carolina Panthers

Patrick Surtain, CB, Alabama

Yes, the Panthers are hot on the quarterback trail, so I wouldn't rule out a trade up for someone like Fields. But in this scenario, they land a guy whose floor as a player is long-term starting corner. It's a middle-of-the-fairway pick, just as Derrick Brown was last year.

9. Miami Dolphins (trade with the Broncos)

Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama

Miami needs to get faster on offense, and Waddle is more than just a burner. He's electric in every way with the ball in his hands and, even better, he comes with built-in chemistry with Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa. He's a perfect complement to the big-bodied DeVante Parker.

10. Dallas Cowboys

Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern

Rashawn Slater could prove to be Tyron Smith's eventual replacement at left tackle. Or he could be a long-term answer at guard. What's important, for now, is he's a top-shelf prospect and would give Dallas a long-term building block somewhere in an aging position group.

11. New York Giants

Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan

Call this a hunch. Paye's pro day is Friday, and by all accounts, he's going to absolutely crush it. Joe Judge has connections to the Michigan staff, and that staff will give Paye (whose backstory is incredible) a glowing review. And GM Dave Gettleman loves big, fast pass rushers.

12. San Francisco 49ers

Greg Rousseau, DE, Miami (Fla.)

Rousseau's athleticism is undeniable, but after opting out in 2020, his game needs a lot of polish. Getting to play with Nick Bosa and Arik Armstead? That'd probably help hasten his development. And in taking Rousseau, GM John Lynch would continue to feed a team strength to ensure it remains one.

13. Los Angeles Chargers

Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina

I seriously considered moving Horn into the top 10, and nearly gave him to the Niners at 12. NFL people are very high on him, with some believing he's a better prospect than Surtain. As it is, we know Brandon Staley values corners in his defense, and the Chargers need some.

14. Minnesota Vikings

Alijah Vera-Tucker, OL, USC

It's no secret the Vikings have been digging for some time for offensive line help. Vera-Tucker's measurements (his arm length in particular) at USC pro day were less than ideal, and have a lot of people thinking he's strictly a guard and may slide a little. But he's still a really good player.

15. New England Patriots

DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama

From a fit standpoint, the 170-pound Smith is perfect for the Patriots' offense, a receiver who's a technician capable of playing all over the field. Should Nelson Agholor and Kendrick Bourne preclude this from happening? Did Donté Stallworth and Wes Welker preclude the Patriots from bringing in Randy Moss in 2007?

16. Arizona Cardinals

Caleb Farley, CB Virginia Tech

The post–Patrick Peterson Cards catch the sliding Farley, who's only here because of his back issues. Farley, if he can stay healthy, absolutely has the tape (albeit from two seasons ago) and athletic profile to project as a No. 1 corner in the NFL.

17. Las Vegas Raiders

Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech

This is around where I see the second wave of offensive tackles starting to come off the board. The Raiders have a replacement for Rodney Hudson (Andre James) and can make it work at guard, where they lose Gabe Jackson. The massive Darrisaw, in this scenario, replaces Trent Brown.

18. Miami Dolphins

Micah Parsons, LB, Penn State

There are off-field questions that have dogged Parsons, but he's a unique athlete, and I think Brian Flores will have confidence he can get the most out of Parsons in every way. The Nittany Lion star is a supercharged version of the linebacker prototype Flores brought from the Patriots.

19. Washington Football Team

Jalen Mayfield, OT, Michigan

Washington needs to find a left tackle and, truth be told, the best options on that front are off the board already. With Mayfield and Teven Jenkins still there, Washington goes with the more athletic option here (Mayfield did as good a job blocking WFT star Chase Young as anyone in the Big Ten in 2019) to shore up its Trent Williams–sized hole.

20. Chicago Bears

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State

The Bears need help across the board on their offensive line, and Jenkins gives them a big, strong and physical piece to help Andy Dalton & Co.

21. Indianapolis Colts

Jaelen Phillips, DE, Miami

Edge rusher is one spot that hasn't yet been fully taken care of in GM Chris Ballard's rebuild of the roster, and Phillips has the measureables that Indy looks for in the defensive end spot. Medicals will have to check out here, but Phillips's upside is enough to jump on, in lieu of a left tackle slipping here.

22. Tennessee Titans

Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern

Newsome's a very solid, smart, all-around football player who came into the process with concern about his overall athleticism. A 40-yard dash some scouts had in the high 4.4s took care of that, and this would address a pretty serious need for the Titans.

23. New York Jets (via the Seahawks)

Azeez Ojulari, DE, Georgia

Ojulari just strikes me as Robert Saleh's kind of guy. He may not be athletically what Paye or the two Miami pass rushers are, but he's crafty in his ability to get to the quarterback and would be a nice bookend for new Jet Carl Lawson.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers

Mac Jones, QB, Alabama

As we mentioned in the mailbag on Wednesday, GM Kevin Colbert's connections in Tuscaloosa may have influenced my decision on this one, because I know how the Bama staff feels about Jones. So Colbert gets his Ben Roethlisberger heir here.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (via the Rams)

Jayson Oweh, DE, Penn State

First things first, Oweh had zero sacks at Penn State this year. That said, he apparently has run in the 4.3s in the 40 (his pro day is Thursday, so we'll see), and Urban Meyer recruited him a few years back and almost got him to Ohio State. So consider this an educated dice role for the Jags' coach.

26. Cleveland Browns

Eric Stokes, CB, Georgia

The Browns still need corner help, and edge-rusher help, and at this point in the draft, I'd bet on there being better corners than edge rushers. Also, we know the value that GM Andrew Berry places on athletic traits, and Stokes is overflowing with those (even if he needs to get more consistent).

27. Baltimore Ravens

Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama

Barmore has the ability of a top 10 pick. But maturity and off-field issues had a lot of people thinking it might've been best that he stay another year in college. He didn't. And the Ravens get good info on Bama players (see: Newsome, Ozzie). So that could go either way here.

28. New Orleans Saints

Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida

The idea of this multifaceted talent landing in Sean Payton's offense is pretty fun to think about, as is the concept of Toney and Alvin Kamara breaking the huddle together, with defenses trying to figure out where those two would go.

29. Green Bay Packers

Elijah Moore, WR, Ole Miss

Aaron Rodgers gets his help! I thought about Rashod Bateman, Rondale Moore and Tutu Atwell here, too. But I'll just say that NFL people are way higher on Moore than the public realizes. (And yes, he is the guy who celebrated, uh, uniquely in the Egg Bowl a couple of years back.)

30. Buffalo Bills

Joe Tryon, DE, Washington

Tryon could wind up being an outstanding value pick. He was a highly productive true sophomore in 2019 that opted out of the 2020 season. And the Bills really could use another edge rusher to give their defensive front some more juice.

31. Kansas City Chiefs

Liam Eichenberg, OT, Notre Dame

This was tough because I do know Eichenberg would be a bit of reach here. I considered Texas's Sam Cosmi for this spot and Alabama interior OL Landon Dickerson (one problem with him is he may not be ready for the opener). I went with Eichenberg, in part, because of Notre Dame's stellar record in producing NFL linemen. (Look it up, they almost all pan out.)

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Levi Onwuzurike, DT, Washington

Without any crying needs on the roster, GM Jason Licht's dealing from a position of strength here. Onwuzurike, like his teammate Tryon, would probably be higher on this list if he'd played in 2020. And he can help the Bucs get younger along an aging front.

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson

It feels good to start this thing out knowing I'll get one right. Lawrence is the complete package, a generational talent whose 2020 season saw 85% of his balls on target and 89% of them deemed "catchable" by Sports Info Solutions. Lawrence can pilot an offense, he is mobile enough to grease the zone read game and can hit receivers at any part of the field.

2. New York Jets

Zach Wilson, QB, BYU

A few years back, I wrote a piece on the first generation of young QBs who grew up in youth football imitating Tom Brady. Wilson looks to be the product of the first generation to imitate Aaron Rodgers. His frenetic backfield dancing and rope of an arm show someone who can unleash a devastating throw at any moment, regardless of whether his shoulders are set and his feet are planted.

3. San Francisco 49ers (via Dolphins)

Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

I have a hard time with the seeming inevitability that San Francisco will take Mac Jones. It simply doesn't feel right to me. Nothing more, nothing less. Lance is throwing at a second pro day next week that both Kyle Shanahan and John Lynch are set to attend. He's built for a run-first offense and can provide the 49ers with the mobile, battering-ram element from the QB position that Jimmy Garoppolo never could.

Another hunch as to why I think Lance might be the guy: If you're drafting Mac Jones, who had nearly double the attempts that Lance did in college, you might be more willing to let go of Jimmy Garoppolo. Holding on to him (for now) suggests the QB is more of a project. Let's look at the attempts of each of the five consensus top QBs:

Trevor Lawrence: 1,138
Zach Wilson: 835
Trey Lance: 317
Mac Jones: 556
Justin Fields: 618

4. Denver Broncos (via projected trade with the Falcons)

Mac Jones, QB, Alabama

There isn't a ton of urgency here now that the Panthers have committed some serious capital toward Sam Darnold as their QB1 of the (near) future. So in this scenario, Atlanta drops its price, collects an additional first-round pick in 2022 and the Broncos get peace of mind, leapfrogging anyone who they may believe to be active (Panthers and Lions) so they can secure their guy.

Why Jones over Fields? I think Jones is slightly better under pressure. I think Pat Shurmur's connections to Alabama's pro-style staff will probably result in some tea leaves pointing to Jones. I think the Broncos staff probably saw a lot of Jones in person during the scouting process of Jerry Jeudy, which is why I wouldn't put a ton of stock into GM George Paton skipping the Crimson Tide's pro day in 2021 to attend Ohio State's with Fields.

5. Cincinnati Bengals

Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon

While I think, depending on how the board plays out, there's a chance Rashawn Slater will go before Sewell, I think Sewell has more experience in a zone-blocking offense, which more tightly aligns with the Bengals' offensive philosophies. It would be absolutely irresponsible for Cincinnati to reach for an offensive playmaker instead of a tackle who can protect their battered franchise quarterback. Sewell gives the Bengals promising bookends for the near future.

What about Riley Reiff, you ask? His one-year, $7.5 million deal doesn't preclude them from making this move. And Reiff has admitted an openness to shifting to guard (the Bengals have said in the past that Jonah Williams will not be moving inside).

6. Miami Dolphins (via Eagles)

Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida

One would assume that the Dolphins have had plenty of chances to see Pitts in person and get to know the 240-pound dual-threat pass catcher, who was far more a receiver than a tight end at Florida. Offensive coordinator George Godsey was in New England during the Patriots' formative double-tight-end years and knows what a player of this magnitude adds to the offense. Pitts would give a developing Tua Tagovailoa more than just a reliable mid-range target. He comes down with the 50–50 balls too.

7. Detroit Lions

Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU

I guess I would go with Chase over Jaylen Waddle here because he seems slightly more willing to bite someone's kneecap off? In all seriousness, if Pitts is off the board (and Pitts isn't exactly the blocker you'd want, either) the Lions have the chance to provide Jared Goff with a receiver who could develop into one as good as Kenny Golladay, whom Detroit lost via free agency. Chase added 0.69 EPA per target during his final year at LSU, and is an epic playmaker worth the investment.

8. Carolina Panthers

Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern

This selection would allow the Panthers to bump Cam Erving to guard, adding to an offensive line that could finally allow Sam Darnold the opportunity to show his skills. Slater didn't have a single false start in three years with the Wildcats, and he allowed just one sack and one pressure in 2020.

9. Atlanta Falcons (via projected trade with the Broncos)

Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama

The temptation here would certainly be to dive into this run of elite wide receivers, but would that take away from a defense that has been ignored for far too long? Surtain can pair with A.J. Terrell and help Atlanta build a secondary of the future. In his senior year, quarterbacks targeting Surtain had an EPA of -15.6, meaning he was taking away about a third of a point every time someone threw in his direction. That's good!

10. Dallas Cowboys

Jaycee Horn, DB, South Carolina

Ideally, for the Cowboys, Justin Fields won't slide, which could instead push Patrick Surtan II into their laps. With Surtain off the board though, Horn is not a bad second option for a team that is desperate for help at the cornerback position. The Gamecocks asked Horn to split man and zone responsibilities about half the time, meaning he should be comfortable in the Seahawksian defense Dan Quinn hopes to bring to Dallas.

11. New York Giants

Alijah Vera-Tucker, OL, USC

As a prospect, Vera-Tucker measures up to any of the receivers the Giants might be tempted to take here. But he fits with Dave Gettleman's philosophy, especially with the GM already having signed Kenny Golladay, John Ross and Kyle Rudolph this offseason. Vera-Tucker would help patch up a dreadfully thin inner offensive line and is a return gift for Saquon Barkley, having come through USC with a blown block and pass percentage under 1%.

12. Philadelphia Eagles (via Dolphins)

Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama

The Eagles traded back and here would still get a receiver they probably coveted in the top 10 prior to their trade with Miami. All is well and Waddle pairs with the still-likable Jalen Reagor to form the core of Nick Sirianni's new offense. Philadelphia has a lot of work to do, but Waddle is a value they cannot possibly pass up.

13. Los Angeles Chargers

Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech

Even after some offseason upgrades, there's still a massive hole at left tackle for the Chargers. Darrisaw allowed 10 pressures in his entire career with the Hokies. Justin Herbert would appreciate the thought, even if he may also be interested in an offensive weapon to replace Hunter Henry.

14. Minnesota Vikings

Kwity Paye, edge, Michigan

Minnesota is good enough to legitimately make a run at the division this year, but needs a vintage performance from Mike Zimmer's defense. In a shortened, four-game audition this year, Paye logged 17 hurries and 23 quarterback hits. Paye is the kind of field director who can unlock some of Minnesota's floating parts defensively.

15. New England Patriots

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State

Bill Belichick will stop the slide and give himself a potential top-five passer at No. 15. Fields will probably not make it this far. I've seen a few mock drafts with New England trading up to No. 8 and occupying Carolina's spot in order to get him before the Broncos, but in my version Denver has traded up. Belichick's relationship with Urban Meyer can't necessarily serve him at this point now that Meyer is a competitor in the NFL, but there is little doubt he can get access to the truth on Fields, and what people really think about the dual-threat passer, who would be a fine stylistic complement to Cam Newton in New England.

Teammate Albert Breer recently reported that Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels will be one of a few coaches on hand for Fields's second pro day workout. Because the Patriots rarely trade up, perhaps they have an inkling that Fields will be available at their pick and are doing due diligence.

16. Arizona Cardinals

Devonta Smith, WR, Alabama

If you're going to run four-wide, make it DeAndre Hopkins, A.J. Green, Devonta Smith and Christian Kirk. Hoo boy. Will one of the top receivers drop this far? Probably not, though I'm having a hard time rationalizing it any other way at this point. Arizona wants to strengthen a strength. The Cardinals want to outscore people on offense and turn the game over to their dominant edge guys on defense.

17. Las Vegas Raiders

Micah Parsons, LB, Penn State

At this point, it's good sport to await the Raiders' pick and hear the collective "…What?" from the audience. While the jury is still out on Clelin Ferrell and Damon Arnette, Parsons would give the Raiders a chance to plug in a linebacker who, out of this year's top prospects, has one of the better coverage grades and some pass-rushing acumen to help Jon Gruden finally negate the loss of Khalil Mack. So far he's scapegoated many of his problems on the defense, and Parsons is a chance to give Gus Bradley what he needs to operate.

18. Miami Dolphins

Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU

The stronger Brian Flores's team gets, the thinner its glaring weaknesses become. Safety might be one of them. Moehrig is talented and wildly athletic. He can play the slot a little bit and is entertaining as anything to watch when he locks onto someone in man coverage. With New England stockpiling tight ends and Buffalo running a similar system that preys on secondary mismatches, Moehrig can save the Bills from getting picked on.

19. Washington Football Team

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State

I agree there are bigger needs, but if Washington hits on a left tackle, it's locked down the best offensive and defensive lines in the league. That's a dangerous thing for a veteran head coach and quarterback to have in a winnable division. Jenkins is fun to watch mostly because he wallops inferior opponents with regularity. He may end up a guard in the NFL, but it will be worth a shot to see if seasoned offensive line coach John Matsko can get the best out of him.

20. Chicago Bears

Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech

The rest of the football world expected an explosive move at quarterback from Ryan Pace. He instead pats his stomach contently and says, “gimme Andy Dalton and a good cornerback.” In all seriousness, I could see the Bears getting their QB in Round 2 or 3.

21. Indianapolis Colts

Jaelan Phillips, edge, Miami

If teams can get past the fact that he retired from football due to a slew of injuries, only to storm back into the game’s consciousness after a stellar final year in Miami (14.5 tackles for loss, eight sacks, 22 hurries and 17 QB hits in 10 games), Phillips seems like a player who could have gone in the top 10 in another universe had certain things broken his way. He is a natural fit for Matt Eberflus’s 4–3 defense on a roster that just lost a great deal of talent.

22. Tennessee Titans

Eric Stokes, CB, Georgia

The fastest cornerback in the draft, Stokes allowed a 38% opposing quarterback completion rate during his final year with the Bulldogs. Stokes can man the outside comfortably and has man/zone versatility, which will serve him well in the Titans’ versatile defense. Tennessee lost a lot of talent in the secondary this offseason, and the rebuild begins here. They Titans have had a good amount of contact with Stokes throughout the process.

23. New York Jets (via Seahawks)

Azeez Ojulari, edge, Georgia

I don’t know who the Jets will draft with their second first-round pick, but I do have a very strong feeling it’s going to be a pass rusher, something you might be able to take to the bank. Maybe it’ll be Gregory Rousseau or Rashad Weaver here. I like Ojulari, who had 12.5 tackles for loss his senior year and 8.5 sacks. There’s a really good chance he’ll be gone by now, since he fits the profile of a top-caliber edge rusher so well. Kirby Smart told reporters recently that Ojulari is the player scouts have asked him the most about over the past few months.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers

Samuel Cosmi, OT, Texas

The Steelers are just going to draft a pass-rushing linebacker, but let’s pretend for a moment that teams draft based on dire need. Cosmi is part of this quietly deep offensive line class that, while not as fun to talk about as the wide receiver class, could have some far-reaching ramifications. Pittsburgh desperately needs to repair its offensive line and has not replenished the unit in the first round since 2012 when it took David DeCastro out of Stanford. Now, you can do this when you also find players like Kelvin Beachum in the seventh round. But I think the value matches up here.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (via Rams)

Daviyon Nixon, DT, Iowa

The Jaguars have their pick of the defensive line class and they need to hit it big. New defensive coordinator Joe Cullen said at his opening press conference how important it was to stop the run because, “A lot of people say it's a throwing league, but if it’s second-and-three and third-and-one all day, you are not going to have the opportunity to get after the quarterback.” Nixon, statistically, is the better of the run-stoppers at the top of this class.

26. Cleveland Browns

Jayson Oweh, edge, Penn State

I think I lean Oweh over Rousseau here because of the impending Jadeveon Clowney signing. This would give Cleveland some time to sand off the rawness in Oweh’s game and utilize him only in ideal pass-rushing situations early in his career, much like the Giants did with Jason Pierre-Paul. While I wasn’t personally blown away by some of his game film against top-tier opponents, there is little doubt that his athleticism merits consideration.

It’s a more complicated question than you might think. I’ve heard countless times this draft season that scouts and executives prefer a more finished product and that prospects like Oweh might struggle to rise like they would have in the past. Clowney’s presence, along with the signing of Takk McKinley this offseason, mitigates that risk.

27. Baltimore Ravens

Rashod Bateman, WR, Minnesota

Baltimore can stand pat and get one of the premier wideouts in this class. The Chase/Waddle/Smith grouping gets all the hype because of the oversaturated AAU nature of the SEC, but Bateman was putting an entire offense on his back in Minnesota. His blocking talent is more than adequate, which helps with Baltimore’s downhill running game. He is equally effective against man and zone coverage.

28. New Orleans Saints

Rondale Moore, WR, Purdue

I had a tough time picking between Moore and someone like Asante Samuel Jr. here, but it comes down to New Orleans’s clear pivot to a more positionless offense with Taysom Hill and Jameis Winston (unless the Saints make a huge trade up for a quarterback, in which case, please disregard). Moore can be a difference maker for the Saints. He can line up in the backfield and, along with Alvin Kamara, create a dizzying array of backfield orbit motions to puzzle defenses. Had Drew Brees not retired, I probably would have leaned cornerback.

29. Green Bay Packers

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, LB, Notre Dame

Surprise! Not a wide receiver. But I think Aaron Rodgers would agree that some defensive deficiencies (as well as some game-planning complications) led to their most recent collapse as much as anything. Owusu-Koramoah would give the Packers a player who can cover hybrid athletes. Last year at Notre Dame, he was targeted 26 times in the passing game and allowed just 13 completions. His sack numbers aren’t overwhelming, but that doesn’t mean he can’t be a special ancillary blitzer.

30. Buffalo Bills

Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern

It's value here. Perhaps Buffalo would lean edge here, or maybe look for another weapon to help buoy the offense, like a top-tier running back or some help on the interior of the offensive line. I think a third cornerback bolsters them against the best offenses they'll face in 2021, while also protecting them against the Patriots and Dolphins, both of whom upgraded at pass-catcher this offseason.

31. Kansas City Chiefs

Liam Eichenberg, OT, Notre Dame

The Chiefs' outside pass protection is still a bit of a disaster, even if Mike Remmers and Andrew Wylie got too much of the blame from their Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay. Still, the Chiefs need offensive line talent in the pipeline and Eichenberg, who didn't allow a single sack of quarterback Ian Book last year, fits the bill nicely.

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Asante Samuel Jr., CB, Florida State

I'm taking a flier here, given that it would produce a lot of bad feature stories about Tom Brady playing with both Asante Samuel and Asante Samuel Jr. What!? He's old! Wow! I would say corner is a safe place to spend your pick equity if you're considered a "complete" defense. Samuel can develop into a fine player for Todd Bowles, helping him continue building what was a Super Bowl–winning unit from a year ago.

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson

No matter what happens between now and draft night, you can guarantee that the former Clemson star will become the inaugural pick of the Urban Meyer era. Though Lawrence might be one of the two or three top prospects of this century, Meyer might have gotten cagey by eschewing top-shelf free agents with the Jags' boatload of cap space. Probably better to go for mid-tier veterans – WR Marvin Jones and CB Shaquill Griffin, for example – franchise LT Cam Robinson and bring in role players than create outsized expectations for Lawrence and the franchise in Year 1.

2. New York Jets

Zach Wilson, QB, BYU

On the heels of his captivating pro day in Provo, Utah, it became increasingly apparent the Jets will either have the opportunity to draft a passer with an electric arm and see what incumbent Sam Darnold fetches in a trade while they reset the position from a financial perspective ... or deal this selection for what might be a king's and queen's ransom while finally getting Darnold help.

3. San Francisco 49ers (from Houston Texans via Miami Dolphins)

Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

They changed the course of this draft, Friday's bold move vaulting the Niners nine spots up the board. Lance is a physically gifted, efficient player with the trappings of a great leader. Tantalizing to consider what a passer who can so effectively run the ball might bring to a Kyle Shanahan offense that operates at peak form when the ground game is humming. But if Lance is the choice, it might make sense to allow him to sit behind Jimmy Garoppolo while he makes the adjustment from the Football Championship Subdivision – which limited Lance to one game appearance in the fall – to the pros.

4. Atlanta Falcons

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State

This may now be the most fascinating juncture of the draft. QB Matt Ryan will be 36 in May and continues to play effectively, but this could be a unique opportunity for Atlanta to snatch his eventual replacement. Fields is an intriguing multi-dimensional threat who could have as much upside as anyone in this draft. He's also from suburban Atlanta and would surely benefit from apprenticing behind a veteran of Ryan's caliber. Yet the Falcons will surely get strong offers for this selection and should be doing a cost-benefit analysis of letting a division rival like the Panthers swoop in for Fields.

5. Cincinnati Bengals

Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon

The primary mandate here should be safeguarding QB Joe Burrow, whose rookie season was cut short by an ACL tear, after he was the No. 1 pick in 2020. Sewell addresses that while likely sending 2019 first-rounder Jonah Williams to guard – at least temporarily – after the team brought in veteran OT Riley Reiff on a one-year deal.

6. Miami Dolphins (from Philadelphia Eagles)

Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU

Had Miami remained at No. 3, the 2019 Biletnikoff Award winner likely still would have been the best choice to spur second-year QB Tua Tagovailoa's development. Pretty brilliant move by GM Chris Grier to drop three spots to presumably get the same player – and Chase might wind up being the best one coming out this year – the net gain being a future first- and future third-round pick.

7. Detroit Lions

Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern

Given the state of their rebuild – which is pretty much at square one – and new QB Jared Goff's restructured deal, they're likely out of the QB sweepstakes for now. A receiver certainly makes sense after Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones signed elsewhere. But adding a quality blocker like Slater, who can play anywhere on the O-line, seems to align with new coach Dan Campbell's personality and new OC Anthony Lynn's desire to run the ball – something the Lions have rarely done effectively since Barry Sanders retired.

8. Carolina Panthers

Mac Jones, QB, Alabama

Could this team convince the Jets or Falcons to trade down? Would the Panthers still make a run at embattled Houston Texans star Deshaun Watson? Do they like Darnold? Or might they take Jones, whom coach Matt Rhule deemed an "alpha" while working with players at this year's Senior Bowl? Whatever the case, Carolina seems determined to upgrade a position manned by efficient but conservative QB Teddy Bridgewater in 2020. Jones may not be the athlete Wilson, Fields or Lance is, but he also doesn't seem like much of a project and could pretty quickly step in as a point guard – as he was at Alabama – to distribute the ball to Christian McCaffrey, DJ Moore and Robby Anderson. And a more ready-made product like Jones could be preferable for Carolina, which could take a step up in class with the NFC South power structure potentially changing in the wake of Drew Brees' retirement.

9. Denver Broncos

Micah Parsons, LB, Penn State

Vic Fangio's defense relies on OLBs Bradley Chubb and Von Miller creating pressure off the edge ... which means you need a pair of capable off-ball backers patrolling behind the line. Exceptionally rangy Parsons fits the mold for a team that addressed its issues at corner during free agency.

10. Dallas Cowboys

Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama

A year after losing Byron Jones in free agency, they still need a No. 1 corner. Coming off Surtain's impressive pro day, settling on the son of a former Pro Bowler makes plenty of sense for Dallas.

11. New York Giants

Alijah Vera-Tucker, OL, USC

It's not draft season until you reference GM Dave Gettleman and his love of "hog mollies." But after getting QB Daniel Jones more weapons in free agency (Golladay, WR John Ross, TE Kyle Rudolph), Gettleman would be wise to bolster the protection of his young passer, who's absorbed more than three sacks per game during his first two seasons.

12. Philadelphia Eagles (from 49ers via Dolphins)

Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama

Like Miami, Philadelphia could wind up getting a player it might have targeted all along at No. 6 – its original draft slot – while accelerating the team's reboot and still improving the supporting cast for second-year QB Jalen Hurts, now the unquestioned starter for 2021. Waddle played with Hurts in Tuscaloosa, is a highly explosive threat and adds a game-breaking element to the return game.

13. Los Angeles Chargers

Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida

The Bolts nicely retooled their offensive line in free agency. Though left tackle remains an issue, it would be hard to bypass Pitts – perhaps the next coming of Travis Kelce – given the loss of Hunter Henry and what he could do to advance offensive rookie of the year Justin Herbert's progression.

14. Minnesota Vikings

Gregory Rousseau, DE, Miami (Fla.)

The Vikes had an NFC-low 23 sacks in 2020, coach Mike Zimmer saying of his defense: "worst one I've ever had." Rousseau, who's only 20, had 15½ sacks in 2019, winning Atlantic Coast Conference defensive rookie of the year honors before opting out in 2020. His 6-7 frame also makes him a threat to bat down balls when he can't get to the quarterback. Could be an especially important option given Vikes DE Danielle Hunter's apparent dissatisfaction with his contract.

15. New England Patriots

DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama

Always fun to connect players to Bill Belichick after they've excelled under his good friend, 'Bama coach Nick Saban. As talented and explosive as Smith is, he'll have to prove he can sustain NFL punishment off the line and downfield. That said, the Pats know how to maximize a player's strengths while masking weaknesses (literal or figurative). But this seems like a "take the best player available" scenario, and Smith definitely has more upside than newly signed WRs Nelson Agholor and Kendrick Bourne.

16. Arizona Cardinals

Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech

He might be the best corner in this draft, though a recent microdiscectomy to ease back pain didn't help the stock of the former all-ACC performer, who skipped the 2020 season. Still, a team that just moved on from Patrick Peterson should consider its long-term future at corner in a division where the ball is so frequently in the air.

17. Las Vegas Raiders

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, LB, Notre Dame

They could address the offensive line after GM Mike Mayock just traded away 60% of it. But defense still seems like the priority, even with DE Yannick Ngakoue onboarding. Owusu-Koramoah is a dynamic, three-down chess piece at the second level, the type of player who could be a headache for Herbert and Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes for years to come.

18. Miami Dolphins

Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU

Miami looks set on the corners with Xavien Howard and Byron Jones but could certainly use help on the back end. Moehrig has nice range, plays with good instincts, can cover and is willing to come up and make a hit – all traits coach Brian Flores would love.

19. Washington Football Team

Zaven Collins, LB, Tulsa

The WFT finished with the league's second-ranked defense in 2020 but could significantly improve behind its vaunted front. Off-ball linebackers who are 6-4 and 260 pounds are unicorns in the modern, pass-centric NFL. But Collins has the athleticism and coverage ability to pull it off – Exhibit A being the Bednarik Award winner's game-winning, 96-yard pick-six to beat Tulane last season.

20. Chicago Bears

Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina

Even in the wake of a surprising playoff push, this team feels like a mess after plugging Andy Dalton into what seems like an unsolvable quarterback equation. And GM Ryan Pace created a new vacancy by signing Dalton when No. 1 corner Kyle Fuller consequentially became a cap casualty – not good when the NFC North mandate is slowing league MVP Aaron Rodgers. At least Horn, son of former Saints WR Joe Horn, might wind up being more than a lateral move after putting on a pro day show.

21. Indianapolis Colts

Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech

Anthony Castonzo's retirement leaves a void at left tackle for an otherwise stalwart line. Barring a free agent signing or shuffling All-Pro LG Quenton Nelson outside, the path of least resistance might be drafting reliable Darrisaw and leaving the other four starters in place. Gotta bubble-wrap new QB Carson Wentz after he was sacked a league-high 50 times (in just 12 games) and eventually fell apart.

22. Tennessee Titans

Jalen Mayfield, OT, Michigan

A dreadful pass rush got significant love in free agency (OLB Bud Dupree, DL Denico Autry). Now GM Jon Robinson can fix his right tackle conundrum after whiffing twice in 2020 by failing to re-sign All-Pro Jack Conklin before misfiring spectacularly on troubled first-round pick Isaiah Wilson, who's already out of the league.

23. New York Jets (from Seattle Seahawks)

Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan

The Jets are decades removed from their famed "New York Sack Exchange." However new coach Robert Saleh might be the guy who finally revitalizes the pass rush and signing DE Carl Lawson was a great start. But no reason to stop there, especially with Buffalo QB Josh Allen threatening to take over the AFC East, and the explosive Paye might settle in nicely opposite Lawson.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers

Najee Harris, RB, Alabama

Their blocking issues are apparent following the retirement of C Maurkice Pouncey and defection of G Matt Feiler. LT Alejandro Villanueva also remains unsigned. But this is a team that hasn't run the ball effectively for a decade – and ranked last in the league in 2020 – which might explain why the Steelers are 10 years removed from their last Super Bowl trip. Harris is the type of physical runner this city adores, yet he'd also protect declining QB Ben Roethlisberger as a blocker and outlet receiver.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (from Los Angeles Rams)

Jaelan Phillips, DE, Miami (Fla.)

The Jags' 18 sacks in 2020 ranked only ahead of Cincinnati – and by just one. Phillips and a healthy Josh Allen could fix that.

26. Cleveland Browns

Joe Tryon, DE, Washington

They made excellent upgrades to the secondary in free agency, but a 22nd-ranked pass defense could still use help – which explains the ongoing recruitment of Jadeveon Clowney. But you can never have enough QB hunters, especially when one – All-Pro Myles Garrett – will be dealing with double teams.

27. Baltimore Ravens

Azeez Ojulari, OLB, Georgia

They need to restore edge rush after saying goodbye to Matt Judon in free agency. Ojulari, who averaged nearly a sack per game in 2020, looks like the best 3-4 linebacker this year.

28. New Orleans Saints

Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern

He's confident and talented, coming off a pro day performance that included a 4.38 40-yard dash. Newsome might be made to order for a team that must contend with Tom Brady and his arsenal of Bucs receivers … a task that got more challenging with Janoris Jenkins' departure.

29. Green Bay Packers

Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida

Maybe GM Brian Gutekunst finally gets a bona fide complement to Davante Adams and more help for Rodgers? Toney had a breakout senior year for the Gators, amassing 70 catches for 984 yards and 10 scores. He's got the explosive ability to consistently burn No. 2 corners and should only blossom while learning how to fine-tune his routes with help from the masterful Adams.

30. Buffalo Bills

Jayson Oweh, Edge, Penn State

His college production (seven sacks in three seasons) was suboptimal, to be kind. But the 6-5, 257-pounder's pro day, which included a 4.36 40-yard dash, rekindled intrigue. Also, the AFC East champs can no longer rely on Jerry Hughes to consistently generate pressure.

31. Kansas City Chiefs

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State

The world saw what happened to their decimated O-line in Super Bowl 55. The AFC champs patched the interior during free agency, adding Joe Thuney and Kyle Long, but questions remain at tackle. Jenkins could lock down the right side following Mitchell Schwartz's release.

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Rondale Moore, WR, Purdue

What do you give the guys that have everything? How about an all-purpose threat like Moore, who blazed an unofficial 4.29 40 at his pro day while posting 42½-inch vertical jump. Sure, he's undersized at 5-7. But a guy who's been (unfairly) compared to Tyreek Hill and could be a wingback type the Bucs don't currently have might be just be the toy Tom Brady wants – especially while Antonio Brown remains unsigned.

2021 MOCK DRAFTS

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1. Jacksonville Jaguars

QB Trevor Lawrence, Clemson

Lawrence being selected first overall was inevitable. He's one of the most talented quarterbacks to enter the NFL in years. He'll be the centerpiece for new coach Urban Meyer's rebuilding effort.

2. New York Jets

QB Zach Wilson, Brigham Young

As soon as General Manager Joe Douglas finished observing the workouts of this year's quarterbacks, he appeared to firm up Wilson as his choice. Soon after, he traded Darnold, the former third overall pick, to Carolina.

3. San Francisco 49ers

QB Mac Jones, Alabama

The main driver for the growing speculation that Jones will be the 49ers' choice is the belief that Coach Kyle Shanahan prefers quarterbacks who are accurate and make the right decisions based on down-and-distance situations. Jones excels in those areas, even though he doesn't have the athletic ability of the other four quarterbacks expected to go in the first round.

4. Atlanta Falcons

OT Penei Sewell, Oregon

The Falcons are most likely deciding between Sewell and Kyle Pitts. But Sewell, given his size and athletic ability, has the potential to go to many Pro Bowls. Because Atlanta is locked into Matt Ryan for the next two years from a financial perspective, it seems as though Atlanta won't draft his replacement this year. Trading down also seems unlikely, but the Falcons will listen to offers.

5. Cincinnati Bengals

TE Kyle Pitts, Florida

The Bengals might prefer Sewell, who would help fix the blocking in front of second-year QB Joe Burrow, but if he's gone they can't pass up Pitts, one of the most talented and unique tight ends to enter the NFL in years.

6. Miami Dolphins

WR Ja'Marr Chase, LSU

With this pick, the Dolphins would prove their trade down from the third pick to be a brilliant move. They would get the best wide receiver in the draft in Chase (the player they might've taken at No. 3) while adding a future first-round pick.

7. Detroit Lions

QB Justin Fields, Ohio State

This is where it gets tricky. The Lions might prefer to take a wide receiver or the top defensive player in the draft, but they will be tempted to take Fields even though they have Jared Goff. Without question, they will get trade requests from teams interested in a QB, and could consider moving down.

8. Carolina Panthers

OT Rashawn Slater, Northwestern

Unless the Panthers re-sign Russell Okung, they need a left tackle. Slater does not have the long arms NFL teams covet in offensive tackles, but he's perhaps the best technician among blockers in this class.

9. Denver Broncos

QB Trey Lance, North Dakota State

This is a likely landing spot for a QB, either with Denver or a team that trades into this spot. The Broncos need to add competition for Drew Lock, but could consider Slater if he drops to this spot.

10. Dallas Cowboys

CB Patrick Surtain II, Alabama

It's hard to believe, but this would mark the first defensive player selected. Surtain fills a need for the Cowboys at corner.

11. New York Giants

LB Micah Parsons, Penn State

The Giants will be looking for an edge rusher or a wide receiver, but Parsons, the best linebacker in this draft, would be tough to pass up. Linebacker has been an issue for the Giants for a while.

12. Philadelphia Eagles (from 49ers via Dolphins)

CB Jaycee Horn, South Carolina

Like the Dolphins, the Eagles take advantage of the benefits of trading down by still getting a top prospect at a need position while adding a future first-round pick for their move back from sixth to 12th overall.

13. Los Angeles Chargers

OT Christian Darrisaw, Virginia Tech

Drafting Darrisaw would complete the rebuilding of the Chargers' offensive line in front of second-year quarterback Justin Herbert. They added Matt Feiler at guard and Corey Linsley at center in free agency.

14. Minnesota Vikings

DE Kwity Paye, Michigan

The Vikings have a need for a pass-rushing defensive end. There isn't a consensus among teams as to who the best edge rusher is in this year's draft, but at 6-foot-4, 271 pounds, Paye's size and athleticism would make him a nice fit in Minnesota opposite Danielle Hunter.

15. New England Patriots

WR DeVonta Smith, Alabama

Smith won the Heisman Trophy in college, but there are some concerns about his size in the NFL, as he weighs only 170 pounds. It's possible teammate Jaylen Waddle goes ahead of him.

16. Arizona Cardinals

OL Alijah Vera-Tucker, USC

The Cardinals could take an edge rusher here, but Vera-Tucker might be too good to pass up. Five of their top six linemen will be 30 or older by July, so this pick would help them get younger.

17. Las Vegas Raiders

OT Teven Jenkins, Oklahoma State

Even though defense remains the primary need for the Raiders, Jenkins could come in and start ahead of Brandon Parker at right tackle. The Raiders need to restock their offensive line after trading away three starters.

18. Miami Dolphins

RB Najee Harris, Alabama

This might be a little high for a running back, but Harris is the best at his position in this year's draft, and adding Harris along with Chase would provide an immediate boost for Miami's offense.

19. Washington Football Team

LB Zaven Collins, Tulsa

If Washington can't move up to get Fields or Lance, they could look at an offensive lineman at this spot, but Collins is too talented of a defender to pass up and would fill a need at linebacker.

20. Chicago Bears

WR Jaylen Waddle, Alabama

The Bears will strongly consider cornerback Greg Newsome at this spot, but Waddle is considered the second- or third-best receiver in this draft. He could go as high as the top 10, so getting him at 20 would be a steal for the Bears.

21. Indianapolis Colts

OT Jalen Mayfield, Michigan

The Colts like to trade down and add draft choices. But they need a left tackle after Anthony Castonzo's retirement, and Mayfield has good athleticism for the position.

22. Tennessee Titans

DE Jayson Oweh, Penn State

The Titans will consider a cornerback, but they do need an edge rusher to play opposite free agent addition Bud Dupree. Last year, they paid $22.5 million for Vic Beasley and Jadeveon Clowney and didn't get a single sack, so they have to do better this year.

23. New York Jets

CB Greg Newsome, Northwestern

The Jets added two defensive ends, a defensive tackle, a linebacker and a safety in free agency, but nothing at cornerback. Newsome would fit in nicely in Coach Robert Saleh's defense, but the Jets might need to trade up to get him.

24. Pittsburgh Steelers

OT Sam Cosmi, Texas

The Steelers need blocking help for Ben Roethlisberger. Center Maurkice Pouncey retired and guard Matt Feiler went to the Chargers in free agency, while left tackle Alejandro Villanueva remains unsigned as a free agent.

25. Jacksonville Jaguars (from Los Angeles Rams)

S Trevon Moehrig, TCU

Moehrig is the best safety in the draft and would upgrade the position for Jacksonville. Alabama defensive tackle Christian Barmore is another candidate here, as the team mulls a change to a 3-4 defense.

26. Cleveland Browns

LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Notre Dame

They needed an edge rusher, but the spot opposite Myles Garrett now appears to be filled, following the reported signing of Jadeveon Clowney. Owusu-Koramoah is one of the top linebackers in this class.

27. Baltimore Ravens

DE Jaelan Phillips, Miami (Fla.)

The Ravens lost two of their best pass rushers with the departures of Matthew Judon and Yannick Ngakoue, so edge-rush help is a priority for them in this draft.

28. New Orleans Saints

LB Jamin Davis, Kentucky

The Saints might prefer Collins, but they don't have the draft capital to move up to get him. After losing Alex Anzalone and Kwon Alexander, they have a need for a linebacker, but they could also target a receiver here.

29. Green Bay Packers

WR Rashod Bateman, Minnesota

The Packers could also consider an offensive lineman here, but too many of the best ones are gone in this scenario. Aaron Rodgers will be disappointed if they miss out on a top receiver for a second consecutive draft.

30. Buffalo Bills

DT Christian Barmore, Alabama

A couple of players who have dropped because of injury concerns — cornerback Caleb Farley and edge rusher Gregory Rousseau — could be in play here, but Barmore is also an option as the Bills try to build up the interior of their defensive line.

31. Kansas City Chiefs

OT Alex Leatherwood, Alabama

The Chiefs are redoing their entire offensive line. They've added Joe Thuney, Kyle Long and Austin Blythe to fortify the interior, but haven't done much at tackle, so drafting one in the first round would make sense.

32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

DE/OLB Azeez Ojulari, Georgia

Jason Pierre-Paul is getting older, and the Bucs stress having a strong pass rush. Ojulari could fit in nicely.

2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

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1 TREVOR LAWRENCE
QUARTERBACK CLEMSON

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 220

SHADES OF: FABIO-COIFFED JOHN ELWAY

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

No change here: Lawrence is a rare prospect who brings as complete a tool set as any quarterback in years. I'm excited to see how the Jaguars will deploy the former Clemson star in Urban Meyer and Darrell Bevell's offensive scheme, which is sure to feature plenty of RPOs and play-action shots.

Read the full scouting report.

2 ZACH WILSON
QUARTERBACK BYU

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 209

SHADES OF: BAKER MAYFIELD, HENRY ROWENGARTNER

NEW YORK JETS

The Jets' decision to deal Sam Darnold away to the Panthers last week only strengthens the widely held assumption that Wilson will be the pick at no. 2. With a live, accurate arm and the athleticism to make throws on the move, Wilson should be a great fit for the Kyle Shanahan–style offense that new offensive coordinator Mike LaFleur is bringing to New York.

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3 MAC JONES
QUARTERBACK ALABAMA

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 214

SHADES OF: MATT RYAN

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

The 49ers will have their pick of Alabama's Mac Jones, Ohio State's Justin Fields, and North Dakota State's Trey Lance at this spot, and while Fields would be my pick in this scenario, all signs point to San Francisco being enamored with Jones. The former Alabama star won't offer much mobility but has the accuracy and quick-processing skills to efficiently run Shanahan's offense. Relatively inexperienced with just 17 starts on his résumé, Jones would have the opportunity to learn behind Jimmy Garoppolo for a year before taking over as starter in 2022.

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4 KYLE PITTS
TIGHT END FLORIDA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 239

SHADES OF: DARREN WALLER, MICHAEL PHELPS

ATLANTA FALCONS

The Falcons may be in the running for a quarterback here, and there are reports they'll be listening to trade offers, but it's also pretty easy to see this team opting instead to simply stay put and grab a rare prospect in Pitts. The former Gators star is maybe the most talented non-quarterback in this class and offers scintillating upside as a Travis Kelce–like playmaker in Arthur Smith's offensive scheme. Catching passes from Matt Ryan and lining up alongside Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley, Pitts would have the chance to be one of those rare early-impact tight end picks.

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5 JA'MARR CHASE
WIDE RECEIVER LSU

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 200

SHADES OF: DAVANTE ADAMS

CINCINNATI BENGALS

The Bengals have a tough decision to make at this spot: Upgrade the offensive line and grab Oregon's Penei Sewell? Or go with quarterback Joe Burrow's favorite college target in Chase? The debate between those two avenues is sure to rage on until the draft, but I've got them leaning toward the playmaking pass-catcher here. The built-in chemistry with Burrow should give Chase the ability to hit the ground running in year one, and alongside Tee Higgins and Tyler Boyd, he would help make Cincinnati's receiving corps one of the league's most talented.

Read the full scouting report.

6 PENEI SEWELL
TACKLE OREGON

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 325

SHADES OF: JEDRICK WILLS JR.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

When the Dolphins moved up from no. 12 to no. 6 last month in a trade with the Eagles, the assumption was that the team wanted a chance to grab one of the top pass-catchers in the draft. But if Sewell is still on the board at this spot, Miami is going to be hard-pressed to pass on a guy who brings the potential to become a perennial Pro Bowl left tackle. The Dolphins could kick last year's first-rounder Austin Jackson over to the right-tackle spot (or even play Sewell there as the southpaw Tua Tagovailoa's "blindside" protector) and give themselves a very strong pair of bookend tackles.

Read the full scouting report.

7 JUSTIN FIELDS
QUARTERBACK OHIO STATE

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 228

SHADES OF: SOUPED-UP DAK PRESCOTT

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Projected trade: The Patriots trade nos. 15 and 96 this year, plus a 2022 first-round pick, to the Lions for no. 7 overall.

The Patriots haven't made it a habit of trading up in the first round of the draft—they're far more often the team that looks to move back—but the team's uncharacteristic spending spree in free agency could signal that 2021 is a year of new beginnings for the franchise. That theme would certainly be apparent with this move, a costly but high-upside trade that lands New England a massively talented signal-caller in Fields. I'd love the pairing with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, who could design a scheme that best exploits Fields's talent in both the passing game and run game.

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8 TREY LANCE
QUARTERBACK NORTH DAKOTA STATE

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 225

SHADES OF: MINI JOSH ALLEN

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM

Projected trade: Washington trades nos. 19, 74, and 82, plus a 2022 first-round pick, to the Panthers for no. 8 overall.

This is a nice deal for both teams: After sending a 2021 sixth-rounder plus second- and fourth-round picks in 2022 to the Jets for quarterback Sam Darnold, Carolina GM Scott Fitterer recoups some valuable draft capital here by trading back out of the no. 8 spot. On the other side, Washington makes a big move to secure its quarterback of the future. Lance lacks game experience, with just 17 starts under his belt, but he'll have the ability to sit and learn behind Ryan Fitzpatrick this season before taking the reins in 2022.

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2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

9 MICAH PARSONS
LINEBACKER PENN STATE

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 245

SHADES OF: JAYLON SMITH

DENVER BRONCOS

With all five of the top-ranked quarterbacks off the board, the Broncos turn their attention to the defense. Parsons's skill set will allow him to wear multiple hats in Vic Fangio's scheme. He can take on early-down, off-ball linebacker duties or be deployed in a subpackage pass-rusher role.

Read the full scouting report

10 PATRICK SURTAIN II
DEFENSIVE BACK ALABAMA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 202

SHADES OF: BYRON JONES

DALLAS COWBOYS

The Cowboys need to add talent to their far-too-porous defense, and they do just that by grabbing my top-ranked corner in Surtain. The former Crimson Tide standout is a perfect scheme fit for the system that new defensive coordinator Dan Quinn is expected to run, combining length, physicality, and ball skills in coverage. Pairing him with former teammate Trevon Diggs would give the Cowboys a talented young cornerback duo.

Read the full scouting report

11 RASHAWN SLATER
TACKLE NORTHWESTERN

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 305

SHADES OF: ZACK MARTIN

NEW YORK GIANTS

The Giants need to do everything they can to support Daniel Jones in 2021, and after adding big-play-receiver Kenny Golladay in free agency, they'd be smart to bolster the offensive line next. Slater's a rare prospect in that he brings the skill set to start from day one at pretty much any position on the offensive line: He's got the talent to be the team's answer at left tackle (which would move Andrew Thomas over to the right tackle spot), but could be a Pro Bowler at right tackle, at guard, or possibly even center.

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2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

12 DEVONTA SMITH
WIDE RECEIVER ALABAMA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 175

SHADES OF:
EVEN SLIMMER CALVIN RIDLEY, APOLO OHNO

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

This is an ideal situation for the Eagles, who not only added a 2022 first-rounder from the Dolphins by trading back from no. 6 to no. 12, but they *still* grab an elite pass-catching prospect in Smith. The Heisman winner would bring a much-needed big-play presence to Philly's offense and give presumptive starter Jalen Hurts another talented (and familiar) target to throw to downfield.

Read the full scouting report.

13 CHRISTIAN DARRISAW
TACKLE VIRGINIA TECH

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 314

SHADES OF:
DUANE BROWN

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

The Chargers have a talent-packed defense and plenty of playmaking skill players on offense, but one glaring hole at left tackle. That makes this pick a no-brainer: Darrisaw is an athletic and physical lineman who could start on Justin Herbert's blindside from day one.

Read the full scouting report.

14 JAELAN PHILLIPS
EDGE RUSHER MIAMI

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 266

SHADES OF:
CHANDLER JONES

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

I keep coming back to something Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer said after his team was blown out in a 52-33 loss to the Saints late last season: "This is a bad defense," he said. "Worst one I've ever had." This pick helps Zimmer rectify that situation. Phillips is an explosive pass-rusher with length and power. He'd pair nicely with Danielle Hunter on Minnesota's defensive line.

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2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

15 JAYLEN WADDLE
WIDE RECEIVER ALABAMA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 182

SHADES OF: T.Y. HILTON

DETROIT LIONS

Projected trade: The Lions trade no. 7 to the Patriots for nos. 15 and 96, plus a 2022 first-round pick.

After letting Kenny Golladay and Marvin Jones Jr. walk in free agency, the Lions lack young talent at the position (I see free agents Tyrell Williams and Breshad Perriman as veteran placeholders while the team rebuilds its roster). Waddle helps improve that group and brings the type of explosive speed this offense has been missing.

Read the full scouting report

16 JAYCEE HORN
DEFENSIVE BACK SOUTH CAROLINA

YEAR SOPHOMORE
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 200

SHADES OF: WILLIAM JACKSON III

ARIZONA CARDINALS

The free agent contracts that the Cardinals gave to Malcolm Butler (one year, $3.25 million) and Robert Alford (one year, $990,000) won't preclude the team from looking for long-term answers at the position—and Horn could be a steal at this spot. The former Gamecocks star is physical, aggressive, and sticky in coverage, and brings the skill set to match up with some of the top pass-catchers in the NFC West.

Read the full scouting report

17 AZEEZ OJULARI
EDGE RUSHER GEORGIA

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 240

SHADES OF: SHAQUIL BARRETT

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

The Raiders ranked 29th in total sacks last year, recording just 21. The addition of free agent Yannick Ngakoue should help, but Las Vegas can't stop there. Ojulari is slightly undersized at 6-foot-2, 249 pounds, but he makes up for it with excellent length (he measured in with 34 ⅜-inch arms and an 82 ½-inch wingspan at his pro day), an explosive first step, and bendy agility. He'd be a nice boost to Las Vegas's pass rush rotation.

Read the full scouting report

18 JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH

LINEBACKER NOTRE DAME

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 215

SHADES OF: JAMAL ADAMS

MIAMI DOLPHINS

After addressing the offense by taking an elite tackle prospect with their first pick, Miami turns around here and bolsters the defense. Owusu-Koramoah is a blend of linebacker and safety with extraordinarily explosive athleticism, making him an intriguing do-it-all-playmaker for head coach Brian Flores. Whether he's lining up over the slot or in the box, Owusu-Koramoah brings a spark-plug-like energy to the field.

Read the full scouting report.

19 ALIJAH VERA-TUCKER

TACKLE USC

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 315

SHADES OF: ISAIAH WYNN

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Projected trade: The Panthers trade no. 8 to Washington for nos. 19, 74, and 82, plus a 2022 first-round pick.

If the Panthers' Sam Darnold experiment is going to work, it would behoove the team to build a strong supporting cast around him. That starts up front, where Vera-Tucker provides a nice boost. The former Trojans standout brings the versatility to line up and play at either tackle or guard spot for Carolina and could start from day one.

Read the full scouting report.

20 TEVEN JENKINS

TACKLE OKLAHOMA STATE

YEAR RS SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 310

SHADES OF: ROB HAVENSTEIN

CHICAGO BEARS

Andy Dalton isn't going to provide the Bears with a whole lot of value if he's consistently asked to make out-of-structure plays and to keep things alive when pressure arrives, but he can excel when he's well protected. With that in mind, the Bears grab a physical and athletic plug-and-play starter at right tackle in Jenkins.

Read the full scouting report.

2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

21 KWITY PAYE
EDGE RUSHER MICHIGAN

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 272

SHADES OF: EVERSON GRIFFEN

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

The Colts were curiously quiet in free agency, leaving a handful of holes to address in the draft—including the team's pass-rush depth. Indy gets an early-impact playmaker here in Paye, who is a big, physical, and high-upside edge rusher with the skill set to create havoc from multiple spots on the defensive line.

Read the full scouting report

22 CHRISTIAN BARMORE
INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN ALABAMA

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 310

SHADES OF: QUINNEN WILLIAMS

TENNESSEE TITANS

The Titans ranked 30th in sacks and 31st in pressure rate in 2020. Tennessee desperately needs to keep adding talent to their defensive line. They do that here by picking Barmore, a slippery and powerful rusher who has the talent to contribute from day one. Lined up next to Jeffery Simmons, Harold Landry, and free agent addition Bud Dupree, Barmore gives the Titans a chance to fix their pass rush group.

Read the full scouting report

23 CALEB FARLEY
DEFENSIVE BACK VIRGINIA TECH

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 207

SHADES OF: C.J. HENDERSON

NEW YORK JETS

Farley's one of the most talented defenders in this class, but a history of back injuries could see him fall a little bit come draft night. The Jets stop his drop here, though, adding a shutdown-caliber talent who's an excellent fit in new head coach Robert Saleh's defense.

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2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

24 JAYSON OWEH
EDGE RUSHER PENN STATE

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 255

SHADES OF: DANIELLE HUNTER

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

The Steelers could go any number of directions here but they take a shot on upside by grabbing Penn State's Oweh. His sack totals from college could be a red flag (he notched just seven sacks in 24 career games, including zero sacks in 2020), but Oweh's potential is hard to ignore. He has rare athleticism for his position and notched a 4.36 second 40-yard dash, 39.5-inch vertical, and 11-foot-2 broad jump at his pro day, all at 6-foot-5 and 257 pounds.

Read the full scouting report.

25 GREGORY ROUSSEAU
EDGE RUSHER MIAMI

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'7"
WEIGHT 265

SHADES OF: MONTEZ SWEAT

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

The Jags grabbed their future franchise quarterback with the top overall pick and now they turn their attention toward bolstering the defense. Rousseau is raw as a prospect but has the length, power, and versatility to develop into a very disruptive piece of Jacksonville's defensive-line rotation. Alongside Josh Allen and K'Lavon Chaisson, Rousseau could be a factor from day one.

Read the full scouting report.

26 JAMIN DAVIS
LINEBACKER KENTUCKY

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 234

SHADES OF: JORDAN HICKS

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Davis has been a fast riser in the past few weeks, boosted by an incredible pro day showing in which he ran the 40 in 4.37 seconds while jumping 42 inches in the vertical and 11 feet in the broad jump—all at 6-foot-3 and 234 pounds. The former Kentucky star lacks experience but brings sideline-to-sideline speed to Cleveland's defense.

Read the full scouting report.

2021 MOCK DRAFTS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

27 TERRACE MARSHALL JR.
WIDE RECEIVER LSU

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 200

SHADES OF:
DEVANTE PARKER

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Marshall is another prospect who could see his stock rise after impressing scouts at LSU's pro day. The former Tigers star ran the 40 in 4.38 seconds, showing off the type of speed that should make him a big-play threat at the next level. That's something the Ravens need more of in their passing game.

Read the full scouting report

28 ZAVEN COLLINS
LINEBACKER TULSA

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 260

SHADES OF:
TREMAINE EDMUNDS

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

The Saints boast plenty of talent on defense but could stand to get a little younger on that side of the ball. Collins would be a nice addition there, and offers the skill set to play off the ball on early downs and line up from multiple spots in subpackages, where his pass-rushing and blitzing talent could be put to good use.

Read the full scouting report

29 KADARIUS TONEY
WIDE RECEIVER FLORIDA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 189

SHADES OF:
PERCY HARVIN,
NIGHTCRAWLER

GREEN BAY PACKERS

The Packers failed to upgrade the receiver position at this time last year, but they make a splash move now in adding Toney. The former Gators star is a bit unpolished as a route runner, but he offers explosive playmaking traits: He'd be a nice complement to the team's skill-position nucleus of Davante Adams, Aaron Jones, and Robert Tonyan.

Read the full scouting report

30 GREG NEWSOME II

DEFENSIVE BACK NORTHWESTERN

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 190

SHADES OF: MARCUS PETERS

BUFFALO BILLS

Buffalo has very few glaring roster holes but could use talent at the cornerback position. Newsome fits the bill, pun intended, and would be a nice counterpart to Tre'Davious White on the outside.

Read the full scouting report.

31 SAMUEL COSMI

TACKLE TEXAS

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'7"
WEIGHT 309

SHADES OF: MAX SCHARPING

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

After releasing both starting tackles in Eric Fisher and Mitchell Schwartz this offseason, the Chiefs need to bolster their offensive line. Cosmi is battle-tested, athletic, and has experience playing at both left and right tackle. He's a plug-and-play starter.

Read the full scouting report.

32 LEVI ONWUZURIKE

INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
WASHINGTON

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 293

SHADES OF: LEONARD WILLIAMS

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

The Bucs broke the mold as a Super Bowl squad that was able to keep its roster mostly intact over the offseason, but GM Jason Licht can't get complacent. Onwuzurike is a versatile and athletic defensive lineman who can play from multiple alignments on the defensive line. If he's rotating in next to Ndamukong Suh, Vita Vea, Jason Pierre-Paul and Shaquil Barrett, the former Husky could make an impact from day one.

Read the full scouting report.

PLAYER RANKINGS

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS (BIG BOARD)

MEL KIPER JR. – ESPN.com

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1. Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson

HT: 6-foot-6 **| WT:** 220 pounds **| Previously:** 1

Lawrence is going No. 1 to the Jaguars and will get a chance to lead the turnaround of that franchise alongside coach Urban Meyer. He has everything NFL teams want in a starting quarterback, from size to arm talent to the ability to process reads and make the right throw. He finished his Clemson career with 108 total touchdowns (18 rushing) and just 17 interceptions across three seasons. With no combine this year, Lawrence threw for scouts in February, then had surgery on his left (non-throwing) shoulder. He should still be ready for the 2021 season.

2. Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida

HT: 6-6 **| WT:** 239 **| Previously:** 5

Pitts is going to be a matchup nightmare at the next level. Don't think of him as just a tight end, though. He'll line up out wide and in the slot, too, and he has the speed to run by defensive backs. He finished the season with 12 touchdown catches in eight games while averaging 17.9 yards per reception. Pitts has a huge frame, of course, but he high-points the football well and has soft hands. A smart offensive coordinator will feed him targets just like a No. 1 receiver. He has a chance to be a top-five pick.

3. DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama

HT: 6-1 **| WT:** 170 **| Previously:** 3

The Heisman Trophy winner capped an unbelievable season with three first-half touchdowns in Bama's national title win over Ohio State. He finished 2020 with 1,856 receiving yards and 25 total touchdowns (23 receiving, one rushing, one on a punt return). Smith was the Crimson Tide's best receiver in 2019, too, even over top-15 picks Jerry Jeudy and Henry Ruggs III. He's not going to wow with his size, but he just produces. He's a tremendous route runner, and he has great hands. He's going to be a star and a top-10 pick.

4. Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU

HT: 6-1 **| WT:** 200 **| Previously:** 4

We shouldn't forget how good Chase was in 2019, when he caught 84 passes and led the country with 1,780 yards and 20 touchdowns. And after opting out of the 2020 season, he still has a chance to be the top wide receiver picked in April. He's stellar after the catch, breaking tackles and running away from defenders, and he can separate on routes. As I mentioned last summer, Chase consistently beat first-round pick A.J. Terrell in the national title game, catching nine passes for 221 yards and two TDs. He's a legitimate No. 1 wideout. Chase will work out for scouts on Wednesday.

5. Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama

HT: 5-10 **| WT:** 177 **| Previously:** 6

Waddle's game is all about speed -- he's one of the fastest prospects in this class. He averaged 18.9 yards per catch over three seasons at Alabama, though he played only five games in 2020 because of an ankle injury. Waddle was overshadowed at times by Smith, Ruggs and Jeudy at Bama, but he's a great player. He's electric with the ball in his hands, as a receiver and as a returner. Teams will want to take a close look at his medical reports when they can, but I expect him to go in the top 10.

6. Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State

HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 228 **| Previously:** 7

Fields had an up-and-down 2020 season, but I believe in his talent. He looked outstanding in some games and mediocre in others. He lit up a really good Clemson defense in the College Football Playoff semifinal, throwing for six touchdowns and completing 78.6% of his passes. He didn't have a great national title game, but the Alabama defense harassed him all game. Overall, he had 22 touchdown passes and six picks in eight games and ranked second overall in Total QBR (91.6). The Georgia transfer needs to get better at going through his progressions, but that can come in time. He's still young -- he started only 22 college games. Before the season, I said I wanted to see Fields improve as a decision-maker in the pocket and on off-platform throws, and though he has improved there, he needs to take a bigger step forward at the next level.

7. Zach Wilson, QB, BYU

HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 214 **| Previously:** 8

How the quarterbacks are ordered after Lawrence will depend on the team. Some will like Fields over Wilson, others will reverse it, and others could like Trey Lance or Mac Jones more. It's a fascinating quarterback class. Wilson has a stellar arm and can climb the pocket to find the open receiver. He was too inconsistent in 2019, bordering on reckless, but he was the opposite last season. He threw 33 touchdown passes (up from 11 in 2019) and only three picks. He also had 10 rushing scores and showed off his athleticism to manipulate the pocket. Wilson shows anticipation on throws. He's the complete package.

8. Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon

HT: 6-6 **| WT:** 330 **| Previously:** 2

I wrote in September that Sewell could be a top-five pick even if he never played another snap at Oregon. And I still think that's going to happen. He announced just days after my preseason Big Board was released that he was opting out of the season and entering the 2021 draft. He's the clear top offensive tackle in this class and dominated as Justin Herbert's blindside protector in 2019, winning the Outland Trophy as college football's best lineman. In a class with outstanding quarterback and wide receiver talent, Sewell won't be the sexiest pick, but he'll be an instant starter and upgrade for the team that picks him.

9. Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern

HT: 6-4 **| WT:** 308 **| Previously:** 11

Slater is a veteran who started 37 games at left and right tackle for the Wildcats, though there are a few teams that think he could be an All-Pro guard. He has good feet and is an excellent pass-blocker; he didn't allow a sack in 2019 while playing on the left side. He moves really well for his size. Slater opted out of the 2020 season, but he didn't need to prove much in the Big Ten. His father, Reggie, had a long career in the NBA.

10. Alijah Vera-Tucker, OL, USC

HT: 6-4 **| WT:** 315 **| Previously:** 16

Vera-Tucker is a guy I studied more in December, and I love his tape. I put him at No. 14 to the Vikings in my first mock draft and at No. 20 to the Bears in my latest mock. The former guard moved to left tackle in 2020, and he was tremendous. He has the versatility to play either spot in the NFL. He's a stellar run-blocker who has the feet to keep improving as a pass-blocker. This is one of the best top-tier offensive line classes over the past decade.

11. Micah Parsons, LB, Penn State

HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 246 **| Previously:** 10

Parsons opted out too and has been training for the 2021 draft. He was all over the field in 2018-19, racking up 191 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks and 6 forced fumbles. He has rare talent, though he has room to grow into the defense that picks him. He played linebacker for the Nittany Lions, but he was a defensive end in high school and could end up as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense at the next level. It's the versatility that makes him valuable, as he could also play inside linebacker in a 4-3. Parsons had five sacks in 2019, but he has a higher ceiling as a pass-rusher in the NFL. He had a great pro day workout.

12. Mac Jones, QB, Alabama

HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 214 **| Previously:** 12

How about Jones' rise in 2020? We weren't even sure he'd be Alabama's starting quarterback last summer. McShay and I had a fun debate about Jones in November. Read that piece for more thoughts. In short: He just keeps improving. I have been so impressed by his deep-ball accuracy and ability to stand in the pocket and make throws under pressure. I didn't see him as a potential first-round pick last year, when he took over after Tua Tagovailoa's injury, but he made the case in 2020, and he could go as high as No. 3 to San Francisco. Jones ranked first in the FBS in Total QBR (96.1), yards per attempt (11.1), passing first downs (202) and completion percentage (77.4%). And he won a national title. Yes, he had elite playmakers around him, but I'm a believer in his talent. He can make every throw.

13.Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State

HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 224 **| Previously:** 13

Lance is a huge wild card in this draft. But the more you watch his 2019 tape, the more there is to like about him. He got a one-game showcase in 2020 and was just OK in that game against Central Arkansas, but as I wrote before it was played, I wasn't going to overreact to one game against an FCS opponent. He ended his college career with only 17 starts -- all wins -- and none of those came against FBS opponents. We do know that he's a phenomenal talent, though; he had 42 total touchdowns (28 passing) and zero interceptions in 2019 for the FCS champs. He threw for 2,786 yards and ran for another 1,100. With no combine, there are going to be a lot of eyes on his pro day. The other thing to note: Lance was born in 2000 -- he's going to be 20 when he gets drafted in April. He's not a finished product by any means.

14. Jamin Davis, LB, Kentucky

HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 234 **| Previously:** NR

I put Davis in my Mock Draft 3.0 because he has been a hot name over the past few weeks. He's rising and could even be the top off-ball linebacker to be picked. Davis has a big frame, and he's a tough player who tackles. He had 89 last season, along with 2 picks, 1 sack and 1 forced fumble. He has some versatility and could play inside or outside. I really like his 2020 tape.

15. Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech

HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 207 **| Previously:** 9

Farley was the first notable prospect to opt out of the 2020 season. I wrote about him in August, and I moved him up in my cornerback rankings after watching more tape. I would love to have seen another full season of starts, just because 2019 was only his second year playing defensive back -- he played quarterback and wide receiver in high school. And that was after he tore his ACL in fall practice in 2017. But you can see Farley's tools on the Virginia Tech tape, even if he needs some refinement. Farley wasn't able to work out for scouts because of a back procedure, which means he's a bit of a wild card.

16. Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan

HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 270 **| Previously:** 20

It's all about projection with Paye, who had just two sacks in four games in 2020 (both in the season opener) and only 11.5 sacks in his four years in Ann Arbor. I don't think he has scratched the surface of his talent. He is a gifted athlete with an impressive frame, and he has some scheme versatility if he keeps growing. Paye is a great athlete -- he put up outstanding testing numbers at his pro day -- who didn't produce a ton at Michigan. If you're a general manager taking him in Round 1, you're betting on his upside.

17. Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama

HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 206 **| Previously:** 15

You probably recognize the name; Surtain's father, Patrick, picked off 37 passes and earned three Pro Bowl trips over 11 NFL seasons. He was a second-round pick by the Dolphins in 1998. Surtain II is a little bit bigger than his dad, but they have similar coverage traits. His frame reminds me a little bit of Marlon Humphrey, another Crimson Tide corner who went in Round 1 (2017). Surtain is a shutdown corner who can break on throws with ease -- he had 23 pass breakups over the past three seasons, along with four total interceptions. He also forced three fumbles in 2019. It's going to be close between Surtain, Farley and the next player on my list for the No. 1 corner in this class.

18. Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina

HT: 6-1 **| WT:** 205 **| Previously:** 21

Horn is an instinctual corner with good size and speed. He had only two interceptions in three seasons at South Carolina, but his tally of 23 total pass breakups shows that he makes plays on the ball. He should add more picks in the NFL. Horn also has three career sacks, so he could be used as a blitzer. He's another cornerback whose father played in the NFL; his dad is former wide receiver Joe Horn. Horn has a chance to go in the top 12 picks.

19. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, ILB, Notre Dame

HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 220 **| Previously:** 14

With a stellar ability to find the ball and react and with the speed to cover tight ends in the passing game, Owusu-Koramoah is a perfect fit for today's NFL. He's a three-down off-ball linebacker with sideline-to-sideline speed. He had 2.5 tackles for loss, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery and 9 total tackles in the double-overtime win over Clemson in the regular season. He finished 2020 with 55 total tackles, 3 forced fumbles, 1.5 sacks and 1 interception.

20. Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU

HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 208 **| Previously:** NR

Moehrig has been my top-ranked safety for months, and I think he could be a top-20 pick. He popped on the 2019 file because he was always around the football. He had 4 interceptions, 11 pass breakups and 76 tackles and forced 2 fumbles. He had two more picks last season, including this one-handed grab. He can be a deep center fielder at free safety, but he's also not afraid to stick his head in and make a tackle.

21. Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern

HT: 6-1 **| WT:** 190 **| Previously:** NR

Newsome debuted in my Mock Draft 3.0, which came just after he ran a 4.40 40-yard dash at his pro day. I was going to move him up regardless of that, though, because of his film the past two seasons. He broke up 11 passes in 2019 and added nine more last season, even though he has only one career interception. He locks down receivers, and his interceptions will come in time. If your favorite team needs a starting-caliber cornerback in Round 1, you're in luck because this is a stellar corner class.

22. Jaelan Phillips, DE, Miami

HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 260 **| Previously:** 17

I mentioned in November that Phillips was off to a tremendous start in his first season with the Hurricanes, and he wreaked havoc down the stretch. He had 5.5 sacks in his final three games. A former five-star prospect who had some injury issues at UCLA, Phillips landed at Miami and has put all of his talent together. He had only 4.5 sacks over two years with the Bruins. Phillips has a great frame for a 4-3 defensive end, and I really like his all-around game. In a class desperate for pass-rushers, I could see him being the first edge defender off the board. It's just a shame we never got to see him play on the other side of Gregory Rousseau, who opted out of the season.

23. Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech

HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 314 **| Previously:** 18

The more I watch Darrisaw, the more I like him. He's a road grader in the running game who just erases edge defenders. He has a mean streak and finishes plays. He started as the Hokies' left tackle as a true freshman in 2018, and he just keeps getting better. The junior is still young, but he had a phenomenal 2020 season. He has the frame to stick at left tackle in the NFL.

24. Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida

HT: 5-11 **| WT:** 199 **| Previously:** 24

Toney had a great season, catching 70 passes for 984 yards and 10 touchdowns, and he was one of the best receivers at the Senior Bowl in January. He's so quick in and out of his breaks that defensive backs have trouble sticking with him. He's just a playmaker, and a smart offensive coordinator will get him at least 10 touches a game in the run and pass games. He also could be one of the NFL's best punt returners as a rookie.

25. Najee Harris, RB, Alabama
HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 232 **| Previously:** 22

What I like most about Harris -- and why he's my top-ranked running back -- is his receiving ability. He caught 70 passes over the past two seasons and had 11 receiving touchdowns. He can be a three-down back in the NFL. The downside about him is that he had a whopping 718 touches at Bama, including 460 carries over the past two seasons. He has taken a lot of punishment. He has stayed healthy so far, and he finished the 2020 season with 1,466 rushing yards and 26 rushing scores. He also led the FBS with 47 carries of at least 10 yards. All he does is produce.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSTION

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Quarterbacks
1. Trevor Lawrence, Clemson
2. Justin Fields, Ohio State
3. Zach Wilson, BYU
4. Mac Jones, Alabama
5. Trey Lance, North Dakota State
6. Kyle Trask, Florida
7. Davis Mills, Stanford
8. Kellen Mond, Texas A&M
9. Jamie Newman, Wake Forest/Georgia
10. Feleipe Franks, Arkansas

Running backs
1. Najee Harris, Alabama
2. Travis Etienne, Clemson
3. Javonte Williams, North Carolina
4. Trey Sermon, Ohio State
5. Michael Carter, North Carolina
6. Demetric Felton, UCLA
7. Jermar Jefferson, Oregon State
8. Kenneth Gainwell, Memphis
9. Chuba Hubbard, Oklahoma State
10. Jaret Patterson, Buffalo

Fullbacks
1. Ben Mason, Michigan
2. Rhamondre Stevenson, Oklahoma
3. Mason Stokke, Wisconsin
4. Tory Carter, LSU
5. Carl Tucker, Alabama

Wide receivers
1. DeVonta Smith, Alabama
2. Ja'Marr Chase, LSU
3. Jaylen Waddle, Alabama
4. Kadarius Toney, Florida
5. Elijah Moore, Mississippi
6. Terrace Marshall Jr., LSU
7. Tutu Atwell, Louisville
8. Rashod Bateman, Minnesota
9. Anthony Schwartz, Auburn
10. Amari Rodgers, Clemson

Tight ends
1. Kyle Pitts, Florida
2. Pat Freiermuth, Penn State
3. Hunter Long, Boston College
4. Tommy Tremble, Notre Dame
5. Brevin Jordan, Miami (Fla.)
6. Tre' McKitty, Georgia
7. John Bates, Boise State
8. Zach Davidson, Central Missouri
9. Kenny Yeboah, Mississippi
10. Noah Gray, Duke

Offensive tackles
1. Penei Sewell, Oregon
2. Rashawn Slater, Northwestern
3. Christian Darrisaw, Virginia Tech
4. Teven Jenkins, Oklahoma State
5. Liam Eichenberg, Notre Dame
6. Jalen Mayfield, Michigan
7. Dillon Radunz, North Dakota State
8. James Hudson III, Cincinnati
9. Walker Little, Stanford
10. Spencer Brown, Northern Iowa

Guards
1. Alijah Vera-Tucker, USC
2. Samuel Cosmi, Texas
3. Aaron Banks, Notre Dame
4. Wyatt Davis, Ohio State
5. Trey Smith, Tennessee
6. Alex Leatherwood, Alabama
7. Robert Hainsey, Notre Dame
8. Ben Cleveland, Georgia
9. Kendrick Green, Illinois
10. David Moore, Grambling

Centers
1. Landon Dickerson, Alabama
2. Creed Humphrey, Oklahoma
3. Josh Myers, Ohio State
4. Quinn Meinerz, Wisconsin-Whitewater
5. Michal Menet, Penn State
6. Drew Dalman, Stanford
7. Trey Hill, Georgia
8. Drake Jackson, Kentucky
9. Jimmy Morrissey, Pitt
10. Ryan McCollum, Texas A&M

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Defensive ends
1. Kwity Paye, Michigan
2. Jaelan Phillips, Miami (Fla.)
3. Gregory Rousseau, Miami (Fla.)
4. Ronnie Perkins, Oklahoma
5. Carlos Basham Jr., Wake Forest
6. Joseph Ossai, Texas
7. Milton Williams, Louisiana Tech
8. Payton Turner, Houston
9. Dayo Odeyingbo, Vanderbilt
10. Patrick Jones II, Pitt

Defensive tackles
1. Christian Barmore, Alabama
2. Levi Onwuzurike, Washington
3. Daviyon Nixon, Iowa
4. Jay Tufele, USC
5. Marlon Tuipulotu, USC
6. Marvin Wilson, Florida State
7. Bobby Brown III, Texas A&M
8. Alim McNeill, NC State
9. Tommy Togiai, Ohio State
10. Tyler Shelvin, LSU

Inside linebackers
1. Micah Parsons, Penn State
2. Jamin Davis, Kentucky
3. Nick Bolton, Missouri
4. Chazz Surratt, North Carolina
5. Jabril Cox, LSU
6. Cameron McGrone, Michigan
7. Baron Browning, Ohio State
8. Tony Fields II, West Virginia
9. Dylan Moses, Alabama
10. Monty Rice, Georgia

Outside linebackers
1. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Notre Dame
2. Zaven Collins, Tulsa
3. Azeez Ojulari, Georgia
4. Jayson Oweh, Penn State
5. Chris Rumph II, Duke
6. Pete Werner, Ohio State
7. Joe Tryon, Washington
8. Quincy Roche, Miami (Fla.)
9. Elerson Smith, Northern Iowa
10. Patrick Johnson, Tulane

Cornerbacks
1. Caleb Farley, Virginia Tech
2. Patrick Surtain II, Alabama
3. Jaycee Horn, South Carolina
4. Greg Newsome II, Northwestern
5. Tyson Campbell, Georgia
5. Elijah Molden, Washington
7. Kelvin Joseph, Kentucky
8. Asante Samuel Jr., Florida State
9. Shaun Wade, Ohio State
10. Tay Gowan, UCF

Safeties
1. Trevon Moehrig, TCU
2. Richie Grant, UCF
3. Jevon Holland, Oregon
4. Andre Cisco, Syracuse
5. Damar Hamlin, Pitt
6. Tyree Gillespie, Missouri
7. Caden Sterns, Texas
8. Joshuah Bledsoe, Missouri
9. Hamsah Nasirildeen, Florida State
10. Richard LeCounte, Georgia

Kickers and punters
1. Jose Borregales, K, Miami (Fla.)
2. Evan McPherson, K, Florida
3. Pressley Harvin III, P, Georgia Tech
4. Alex Kessman, K, Pitt
5. James Smith, P, Cincinnati
6. Drue Chrisman, P, Ohio State
7. Max Duffy, P, Kentucky
8. Blake Haubeil, K, Ohio State
9. Nolan Cooney, P, Syracuse
10. Riley Patterson, K, Memphis
10A. Zach Von Rosenberg, P, LSU

Long-snappers
1. Thomas Fletcher, Alabama
2. Camaron Cheeseman, Michigan
3. Adam Bay, Wisconsin
4. Ryan Langan, Georgia Southern
5. Turner Bernard, San Diego State

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS (BIG BOARD)

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Note: Underclassmen are marked with an asterisk, and grades are from Scouts Inc.

1. Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson*
HT: 6-foot-6 | **WT:** 220
Grade: 97 | **Previous rank:** 1

Lawrence is the best quarterback prospect I've seen come out of college since Andrew Luck was drafted by the Colts in 2012. Lawrence's intangibles are high-end, and I love his huge arm and the mobility he brings at his size. He'll need a little refining with his pocket presence, but this kid is the real deal. He had 24 passing touchdowns, 3,153 yards through the air and a 69.2% completion percentage while throwing only five interceptions in 10 games this past season. He also had eight scores on the ground. Lawrence is recovering from surgery on his non-throwing shoulder but is expected to be ready for NFL training camp this summer.

2. Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU*
HT: 6-0 | **WT:** 208
Grade: 94 | **Previous rank:** 5

The 2019 Biletnikoff Award winner tallied 1,780 yards and 20 scores through the air for LSU during that season before opting out in 2020. He is explosive off the line, a smooth route runner and tough in the open field. His body control stands out, and his speed is solid.

3. Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon*
HT: 6-6 | **WT:** 330
Grade: 94 | **Previous rank:** 2

Sewell gave up only one sack during 2018 and 2019 combined, starting 20 games along the way, but he opted out of this past season. Sewell is massive in pass protection and plays a disciplined game. He has the feet to excel as a zone blocker and the power to move defenders in the run game. Sewell has rare upside and can be a starter from day one in the NFL.

4. Micah Parsons, ILB, Penn State*
HT: 6-3 | **WT:** 244
Grade: 93 | **Previous rank:** 3

Parsons had 109 tackles in 2019, including 14 for loss, and forced four fumbles. He's long and is pretty good in coverage, with plenty of range. He is an above-average tackler and shows the burst to shoot gaps and be disruptive in run defense. Parsons also has the instincts and speed to blitz, tallying five sacks in 2019. Another 2020 opt-out, he will need work in getting off blocks at the next level, but consider him a day one starter in the NFL.

5. Zach Wilson, QB, BYU*
HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 210
Grade: 93 **| Previous rank:** 8

Wilson navigated his Cougars to an 11-1 record by completing 73.5% of his passes (second in the country) for 3,692 yards (third in the country), 33 touchdowns (third) and three interceptions. If that weren't impressive enough, Wilson also had 10 rushing TDs. He threw for 425 yards and three scores in the RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl. I love Wilson's competitiveness and toughness in the pocket, and he has a high-end ability to extend plays. His deep-ball accuracy is also outstanding.

6. Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida*
HT: 6-6 **| WT:** 239
Grade: 93 **| Previous rank:** 6

Pitts sets up as a versatile matchup in the NFL with great size, a big catch radius and the hands to produce. In only eight games this season, he had 770 receiving yards on 43 catches and found the end zone 12 times, tied for the third-most scores in the FBS. The junior amassed 170 yards and four end zone trips in the Gators' opener in September, and he piled on three TDs in November's meeting with Kentucky. And he went over 120 yards on seven catches in each of his final two games.

Pitts flashes as a route runner and possesses above-average separation skills for a tight end. He has some speed to be a threat downfield, and he figures to be a real coverage problem for opposing defenses in the NFL.

7. DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama
HT: 6-0 **| WT:** 170
Grade: 93 **| Previous rank:** 4

Smith rarely drops anything in his vicinity and displays some jump after the catch, compiling 117 catches (most in the country) for 1,856 yards (also first) and 23 touchdowns (again, first) through 13 games this season. The Heisman Trophy winner had nine games with at least 130 receiving yards and eight with multiple scores. Smith explodes off the line, is crisp in his route running and tracks the ball well vertically.

8. Rashawn Slater, OL, Northwestern
HT: 6-4 **| WT:** 308
Grade: 93 **| Previous rank:** 17

Slater had significant starting time at both right and left tackle before opting out of the 2020 season, but his frame and physical skills might lend themselves to a better trajectory inside. He gives up ground too much, and speed rushers cause him problems at tackle. But I really like his feel for angles, and he is smooth getting set. Power is there in the run game, and his body control in pass protection is strong.

9. Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama*
HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 206
Grade: 92 **| Previous rank:** 7

Surtain, a true shutdown cover corner, finished with a pick-six, 12 pass breakups (tied for third in the country) and 38 tackles in 13 games. I love his instincts and the way he quickly diagnoses wide receivers' routes and funnels them where he wants them to go. He is also a natural playmaker, with good ball-reaction skills and soft hands. His father, Patrick Surtain Sr., was a Pro Bowl corner in the NFL and a second-round pick in 1998.

10. Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech*
HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 207
Grade: 92 **| Previous rank:** 18

The first high-end draft prospect to opt out of the 2020 college season, Farley broke up 12 passes and intercepted four in 2019. His blend of size, length and speed is rare, and he has burst to his game. A former wide receiver, he has strong ball skills and flashes the ability to recognize route combinations. Farley is still developing, but the toolbox is there.

11. Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama*
HT: 5-10 **| WT:** 177
Grade: 92 **| Previous rank:** 11

Waddle returned from an ankle injury for the College Football Playoff national title game and finished his junior campaign with 28 catches for 591 yards and four TDs. His 21.1 yards-per-reception average stood at eighth in the country. Waddle's game is all about elusiveness, part of the reason he also pops in the return game. Put the ball in his hands and let things happen. He tracks the deep ball well, explodes out of his breaks and shows excellent lateral agility and field vision.

12. Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State*
HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 224
Grade: 91 **| Previous rank:** 22

Lance has size and toughness at quarterback. He played only one game in 2020, a win against Central Arkansas in which he completed half his passes for south of 150 yards. But he shined in 2019, when he didn't throw a single interception, picked up 1,100 rushing yards and produced 42 scores in all. He has only one career game of 300-plus passing yards, and we never saw him in action against an FBS foe. But the third-year sophomore is effective dropping from under center and selling play-action, and his downfield touch is strong, despite some inconsistent placement on shorter throws.

13. Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State*
HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 228
Grade: 91 **| Previous rank:** 9

Fields starred in 2019 with 41 touchdown passes and only three interceptions, and he really progressed under Buckeyes coach Ryan Day. In 2020, he had 22 passing touchdowns, a 70.2% completion rate (seventh best in the FBS) and 2,100 passing yards in eight games.

He is very accurate throwing downfield and throws effectively off-schedule and off-platform. There is some zip on his ball too, and he displays a quick release. Fields is mobile in the pocket and rushed for five scores. There might be some consistency concerns, but he is dynamic and grades out as a good NFL starting QB, as his 91.7 Total QBR (second in the nation) might suggest.

14. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, ILB, Notre Dame*
HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 220
Grade: 91 **| Previous rank:** 12

I love Owusu-Koramoah's tape. He is fast, he is instinctive and he is only getting stronger as he develops. His recognition skills are very good too, as he always seems to be around the ball. Owusu-Koramoah is fluid in coverage and even flashes the ability to get home on the quarterback, thanks to his suddenness. He does it all: In 2020, he had 62 tackles (11 for loss), 1.5 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, a fumble-return TD, 3 pass breakups and an interception.

15. Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU*
HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 208
Grade: 91 **| Previous rank:** 14

Moehrig is a playmaker. He breaks quickly on the ball, times his jump and has the ball skills to haul in interceptions -- he had two through 10 games after grabbing four in 2019 and broke up nine additional passes this season. Moehrig is above average as a tackler (47 in 2020) and even has some return-game experience.

16. Gregory Rousseau, DE, Miami (Fla.)*
HT: 6-7 **| WT:** 253
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** 16

Rousseau is tall, long and quick off the edge. He has power to overwhelm blockers and works back inside once he is even with the quarterback. He opted out of the 2020 season, but he had 15.5 sacks in 2019 for the Hurricanes -- which ranked him No. 2 in the country behind Chase Young -- and he totaled 19.5 tackles for loss (tied for seventh). As a run-defender, Rousseau can set the edge and make plays. He has future Pro Bowl talent.

17. Jaelan Phillips, DE, Miami (Fla.)*
HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 266
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** 31

A transfer from UCLA, Phillips medically retired from football in 2018 after injury-plagued seasons with the Bruins. But he was able to return, deciding to join the Hurricanes. And wow, did he burst back onto the scene in 2020. In 10 games, Phillips had 8 sacks (tied for 13th in the nation), 15.5 tackles for loss (sixth), 45 tackles and an interception. I love his length and suddenness.

18. Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan
HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 270
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** NR

Paye can slip blocks and make plays in the backfield. He is still developing as a pass-rusher -- though he had 6.5 sacks in 2019 and 2.0 in four games this season -- but the ceiling is high. I like his range, and he has a professional approach to the game. Paye is possibly a 3-4 OLB candidate in the NFL.

19. Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida
HT: 5-11 **| WT:** 199
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** NR

Toney isn't the biggest receiver in the class, and he isn't the most polished, but he is super versatile and very explosive. He will be very effective in the NFL with the quick game, screen throws and reversals. He is the kind of receiver with whom you just want to get the ball in his hands. He made 70 catches (seventh in the country) for 984 yards (13th) and 10 touchdowns (tied for seventh) this past season. Plus, he added 161 rushing yards and returned double-digit kicks and punts for the Gators.

20. Najee Harris, RB, Alabama*
HT: 6-2 **| WT:** 232
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** 27

Harris has great size and good speed, and he has shown excellent ball security. He is strong on contact and slippery between the tackles. I was previously a bit concerned he danced too much, looking for the home run, but Harris was decisive in his final season at Alabama. His 26 rushing touchdowns ranked No. 1 in the country this past season, and his 1,466 rushing yards were No. 3. He looks improved in pass protection too and remains underrated as a pass-catcher.

21. Alijah Vera-Tucker, G, USC*
HT: 6-4 **| WT:** 315
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** NR

Vera-Tucker gets into sound initial position and has the strength to drive defenders off the ball. He has a good feel for angles in zone blocking, but he gets a little top-heavy and falls off blocks late. In pass protection, he gets his hands inside and anchors well. He allowed just four pressures and two sacks on 849 pass-block snaps over the past two seasons.

22. Travis Etienne, RB, Clemson*
HT: 5-10 **| WT:** 212
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** 19

Etienne has above-average speed with an explosive second gear when he hits daylight. He is a real home run hitter in space, breaking off 19 plays for 20-plus yards this season. I like his contact balance too. Etienne has 70 career rushing touchdowns, including 14 in 2020 (tied for seventh in the country). He bested 1,600 rushing yards for the second straight season in 2019 before gaining 914 through 12 games this past year. Etienne also had 588 receiving yards in 2020, better than the totals in his other three seasons combined, showing massive improvement on that front.

23. Zaven Collins, OLB, Tulsa*
HT: 6-4 **| WT:** 260
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** 15

What a season for Collins. A 3-4 outside linebacker, he has great versatility and can bring a lot to a defense. In eight games, Collins had 53 tackles, 11.5 tackles for loss, 4 sacks, 4 interceptions -- two of which he returned for touchdowns -- and a forced fumble. His closing burst to the quarterback and to ball carriers is tremendous.

24. Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech*
HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 314
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** 23

Darrisaw has been a mainstay at left tackle for the Hokies. Over the past two years, he has allowed just three sacks on 643 pass-blocking snaps. Darrisaw is powerful as a pass protector and smooth working to the second level as a run-blocker. His technique is a little inconsistent, but he has a high ceiling and the tools to be a starting left tackle from day one.

25. Levi Onwuzurike, DT, Washington
HT: 6-4 **| WT:** 294
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** NR

A 2020 opt-out, Onwuzurike is a highly disruptive 3-technique with great quickness. He had a great week at the Senior Bowl in January, and in 2019, he had six tackles for loss with Washington.

26. Jalen Mayfield, OT, Michigan*
HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 319
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** NR

Mayfield is a strong drive blocker who walls off defenders and gets good initial push, but there's room for improvement when it comes to angles climbing to the second level. He gets set quickly and tends to stay in front once engaged in pass pro. But his hand placement is inconsistent. Mayfield has played both left and right tackle at Michigan.

27. Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina*
HT: 6-1 **| WT:** 205
Grade: 90 **| Previous rank:** NR

The son of former NFL wide receiver Joe Horn, Jaycee is long and instinctive. And he tends to play his best in big games. Horn opted out in the middle of the 2020 season but not before hauling in a pair of interceptions and breaking up six more passes over the course of seven games.

28. Mac Jones, QB, Alabama*
HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 214
Grade: 89 **| Previous rank:** 32

I really like his touch and ball placement, and he anticipates really well, leading receivers and throwing them open. Jones also processes quickly and has really fast eyes in getting through progressions. In the pocket, he has poise and toughness, and though he isn't a dangerous runner, Jones has a good feel for how to extend plays -- all while keeping his eyes downfield. In 2020, he completed a nation-leading 77.4% of his passes, and he gained 4,500 yards through the air (first) and threw 41 touchdowns (second) with four interceptions. His 96.1 Total QBR was the best in the FBS.

29. Azeez Ojulari, OLB, Georgia*
HT: 6-3 **| WT:** 240
Grade: 89 **| Previous rank:** NR

Ojulari has good size, speed and bend. I really like his first-step burst when pass rushing, and his instincts are advanced. He is definitely better as a pass-rusher than in coverage, but he does have pretty good range underneath when asked to drop back. Ojulari's 8.5 sacks tied for eighth most in the country in 2020, and his three forced fumbles were tied for fifth.

30. Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama*
HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 310
Grade: 89 **| Previous rank:** 20

Barmore had eight sacks (tied for 13th in the FBS) and three forced fumbles from the interior of Alabama's defensive line this season. He is still developing as a pass-rusher, but he can get home with quick hands. Against the run, Barmore locates the ball quickly, shows adequate change-of-direction ability and is stout against double-teams. As a bonus, he is versatile along the line. But keep in mind that Barmore was a third-year sophomore in 2020, and he entered this past season with only one career start.

31. Joe Tryon, DE, Washington*
HT: 6-5 **| WT:** 252
Grade: 89 **| Previous rank:** 25

Tryon opted out of the 2020 season, but he tallied 12.5 tackles for loss and eight sacks for Washington in 2019. He has some versatility to his game, lining up as a 4-3 defensive end and a 3-4 outside linebacker. Tryon exhibits a quick first step as a pass-rusher, showing a fluid swim move and flashing a quick spin maneuver on blockers. And against the run, he is strong and can fight through double-teams, though he loses outside contain a bit too often.

32. Nick Bolton, ILB, Missouri*
HT: 6-0 **| WT:** 232
Grade: 89 **| Previous rank:** NR

Bolton is a solid off-the-ball linebacker with great instincts and a good motor. He is very good in coverage, has pop at the point of attack and plays faster than his straight-line speed would suggest because he locates the ball quickly. Bolton is a bit undersized, but it hasn't stopped the production. In 10 games, he had 95 tackles (tied for 18th in the nation), 8.0 tackles for loss, 5 passes broken up, 2.0 sacks and a fumble recovery.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY TIER

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Tier 1: Lawrence all alone

Grades of 95 or higher. Elite prospects. Should be immediate NFL starters and project as perennial All-Pro players. Worthy of a top-five pick most years. I had just one player in this tier in 2020: Chase Young at 95.

1. Trevor Lawrence, QB, Clemson (97)

Lawrence really is in a tier of his own, and he is my highest-graded prospect since running back Saquon Barkley in 2018 (97). The Clemson signal-caller is a once-in-a-decade kind of QB prospect, and I've likened him to Andrew Luck and his evaluations before Luck was drafted at No. 1 in 2012. In fact, Luck is the only quarterback to have a higher grade from me over the past 10 years (99). Lawrence is also expected to be a No. 1 pick this month. He has excellent touch and accuracy, he makes good decisions with the football, he can drive the ball vertically with velocity and he moves very well in the pocket. Simply put, he's the definition of a franchise quarterback.

Tier 2: 11 prospects

Grades between 92 and 94. A notch below the elite class but still considered a plug-and-play NFL starter with high-level potential. Worthy of a top-15 pick most years. I had 11 players in this tier in 2020.

2. Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida (94)
3. Ja'Marr Chase, WR, LSU (94)
4. Zach Wilson, QB, Brigham Young (93)
5. DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama (93)
6. Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama (93)
7. Penei Sewell, OT, Oregon (93)
8. Rashawn Slater, OT, Northwestern (93)
9. Micah Parsons, ILB, Penn State (93)
10. Trey Lance, QB, North Dakota State (92)
11. Patrick Surtain II, CB, Alabama (92)
12. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, ILB, Notre Dame (92)

What stands out about this group is the pass-catching talent. Each of the four offensive weapons with a 92-plus grade brings something a little different, too. Pitts is a matchup nightmare, thanks to his size, speed, hands and ridiculous wingspan. Chase is elite in the way he adjusts to the ball in the air and is a physical presence. Smith is a savvy route runner with soft hands and explosive acceleration. And Waddle is probably the most elusive player in the class when the ball is in his hands, burning defenders both vertically and after the catch.

I also have two quarterbacks in this tier. Wilson excels when the play breaks down, extending with his legs, instinctively creating on second-reaction throws and adjusting his arm angle to hit windows. And his arm strength and accuracy are high-end skills. For context, I had two quarterbacks last year who met or exceeded Wilson's grade: Joe Burrow (94) and Tua Tagovailoa (93). Then there is Lance. I love his big-time arm, the way he reads the field and his ability to run for big chunks of yardage. Those are key areas in today's NFL offenses.

Tier 3: 17 prospects

Grades between 90 and 91. Good NFL starters and are considered strong values in the bottom half of Round 1 in any given draft class. I had 11 players in this tier in 2020.

13. Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State (91)
14. Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina (91)
15. Alijah Vera-Tucker, OG, USC (91)
16. Caleb Farley, CB, Virginia Tech (91)
17. Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU (91)
18. Kwity Paye, DE, Michigan (91)
19. Mac Jones, QB, Alabama (90)
20. Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida (90)
21. Najee Harris, RB, Alabama (90)
22. Travis Etienne, RB, Clemson (90)
23. Zaven Collins, OLB, Tulsa (90)
24. Azeez Ojulari, OLB, Georgia (90)
25. Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech (90)
26. Jamin Davis, ILB, Kentucky (90)
27. Greg Newsome II, CB, Northwestern (90)
28. Jaelan Phillips, DE, Miami (90)
29. Terrace Marshall Jr., WR, LSU (90)

The first thing we notice about this pack of prospects -- the last 17 whom I have a Round 1 grade on -- is the two QBs. Fields is accurate and can hit the deep ball really well, and I like the way the ball jumps out of his hand with zip. Jones doesn't have the same mobility traits as the four previously mentioned QBs, but he shows high-end touch, anticipation and ball placement. En route to a national title with Alabama, he led the nation in many statistical categories, including Total QBR and completion percentage. In all, this is an extremely good quarterback class.

The second thing that pops is the appearance -- finally -- of our first pass-rushers. A year after Chase Young topped our board with a 95, the first 2021 edge rusher checks in with a 91 at No. 18 (Paye). But he leads four defensive ends or outside linebackers with at least a 90 grade, which is actually a slight jump up from three in 2020 (and Isaiah Simmons was more of a hybrid prospect). Paye has explosive closing speed and a high ceiling, but the stat sheet hasn't caught up just yet for him.

We also see our first two running backs. Harris is terrific between the tackles, has power and agility and is effective both catching passes out of the backfield and pass protecting. Etienne is explosive and has the second gear to break away for long touchdowns, and he'll be a very good pass-catching back in the NFL.

Tier 4: 20 prospects

Grades between 85 and 89. Good future NFL starters. Second-round value. I had 23 players in this tier in 2020.

30. Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State (89)
31. Nick Bolton, ILB, Missouri (89)
32. Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama (89)
33. Elijah Moore, WR, Ole Miss (89)
34. Javonte Williams, RB, North Carolina (88)
35. Ronnie Perkins, DE, Oklahoma (88)
36. Jalen Mayfield, OT, Michigan (88)
37. Liam Eichenberg, OT, Notre Dame (88)
38. Joe Tryon, DE, Washington (88)

39. Rashod Bateman, WR, Minnesota (88)
40. Asante Samuel Jr., CB, Florida State (88)
41. Gregory Rousseau, DE, Miami (88)
42. Tutu Atwell, WR, Louisville (87)
43. Jayson Oweh, DE, Penn State (87)
44. Levi Onwuzurike, DT, Washington (87)
45. Jabril Cox, ILB, LSU (86)
46. Carlos Basham Jr., DE, Wake Forest (86)
47. Kelvin Joseph, CB, Kentucky (85)
48. Pat Freiermuth, TE, Penn State (85)
49. Landon Dickerson, C, Alabama (85)

I like many of these prospects a lot and think they would be great gets at the beginning of Day 2 -- though a few will of course end up late-Round 1 selections. To name a few:

- Bolton is a sideline-to-sideline tackling machine at inside linebacker.
- Moore reads the coverage well and can find soft spots in coverage.
- Williams has great contact balance carrying the football through the hole.
- Bateman has good hands and will attack the middle of the field.
- Samuel is quick, technically sound and instinctive in coverage.
- Onwuzurike is sudden and uses his quickness to penetrate against the run.

Watch for the offensive linemen in this tier to slide into Round 1. I had 14 linemen in the first two rounds of my most recent mock draft, and five of them went on Day 1. Teams seek pass protectors in the first round, and guys such as Jenkins, Mayfield and Eichenberg can be high-end starting tackles in the NFL.

Tier 5: 16 prospects

Grades between 80 and 84. Future solid to good NFL starters but might need to serve in substitution package/situational roles early in career. Mid- to late-second-round value. I had 12 players in this tier in 2020.

50. Elijah Molden, CB, Washington (84)
51. Chazz Surratt, ILB, North Carolina (84)
52. Patrick Jones II, DE, Pittsburgh (83)
53. Richie Grant, S, UCF (83)
54. Hunter Long, TE, Boston College (83)
55. Rondale Moore, WR, Purdue (82)
56. Samuel Cosmi, OT, Texas (82)
57. Jevon Holland, S, Oregon (82)
58. Creed Humphrey, C, Oklahoma (82)
59. Alex Leatherwood, OG, Alabama (82)
60. Payton Turner, DE, Houston (81)
61. Andre Cisco, S, Syracuse (81)
62. Tyson Campbell, CB, Georgia (81)
63. Jackson Carman, OG, Clemson (81)
64. Ifeatu Melifonwu, CB, Syracuse (80)
65. Quinn Meinerz, OG, Wisconsin-Whitewater (80)

Four players with an 80-84 grade in 2020 ended up first-round picks, so there is plenty of reason to believe some of these prospects can rise before draft day. Here we see quite a few defensive backs, including a pair out of Syracuse. Cisco is a rangy ball hawk on the back end, while Melifonwu has the speed and size to excel in a press-heavy scheme. Holland is another ball-hawking safety who plays a physical game. But Washington's Molden is the highest rated of the defensive backs in this group, and he's a nickelback who is terrific in zone coverage.

Also keep an eye on Leatherwood. When he locks on in pass protection, he rarely loses. I could see him ending up a strong pick.

Tier 6: 46 prospects

Grades between 70 and 79. Project as future solid starters but need time to develop, have limited upside or come with baggage. Third-round value. I had 41 players in this tier in 2020.

66. Dillon Radunz, OT, North Dakota State (79)
67. Chris Rumph II, OLB, Duke (79)
68. Alim McNeill, DT, NC State (79)
69. Eric Stokes, CB, Georgia (79)
70. Anthony Schwartz, WR, Auburn (79)
71. Tylan Wallace, WR, Oklahoma State (78)
72. Aaron Robinson, CB, UCF (78)
73. Trey Sermon, RB, Ohio State (78)
74. Nico Collins, WR, Michigan (77)
75. Milton Williams, DT, Louisiana Tech (77)
76. Benjamin St-Juste, CB, Minnesota (77)
77. Wyatt Davis, OG, Ohio State (77)
78. Walker Little, OT, Stanford (77)
79. Michael Carter, RB, North Carolina (77)
80. Joseph Ossai, OLB, Texas (76)
81. D'Wayne Eskridge, WR, Western Michigan (76)

82. Jay Tufele, DT, USC (76)
83. Tay Gowan, CB, UCF (76)
84. James Hudson, OT, Cincinnati (75)
85. Amari Rodgers, WR, Clemson (75)
86. Shi Smith, WR, South Carolina (73)
87. Brevin Jordan, TE, Miami (73)
88. Kellen Mond, QB, Texas A&M (73)
89. Shakur Brown, CB, Michigan State (73)
90. Jamar Johnson, S, Indiana (73)
91. Aaron Banks, OG, Notre Dame (73)
92. Cade Johnson, WR, South Dakota State (72)
93. Paulson Adebo, CB, Stanford (72)
94. Richard LeCounte, S, Georgia (72)
95. Daviyon Nixon, DT, Iowa (72)
96. Dyami Brown, WR, North Carolina (71)
97. Spencer Brown, OT, Northern Iowa (71)
98. Pete Werner, ILB, Ohio State (71)
99. Trey Smith, OG, Tennessee (71)
100. Shaun Wade, CB, Ohio State (71)
101. Hamsah Nasirildeen, S, Florida State (71)
102. Osa Odighizuwa, DT, UCLA (71)
103. Kyle Trask, QB, Florida (70)
104. Sage Surratt, WR, Wake Forest (70)
105. Josh Myers, C, Ohio State (70)
106. Baron Browning, OLB, Ohio State (70)
107. Marco Wilson, CB, Florida (70)
108. Dayo Odeyingbo, DE, Vanderbilt (70)
109. Marvin Wilson, DT, Florida State (70)
110. Tyler Shelvin, DT, LSU (70)
111. Rhamondre Stevenson, RB, Oklahoma (70)

Plenty of these players could become impact starters in the NFL, but they all come with some risks and a need to develop in some areas. Davis is an excellent pass protector who should earn a starting gig on the interior of an NFL line, and while Little has played very little football over the past two years, he is an effective run blocker. Adebo and LeCounte are ball hawks who can help NFL defenses generate turnovers. Ossai is disruptive and flies all over the field. Collins and Surratt are big targets in the pass game. And Nixon has a lot of agility for his size and is a strong tackler up the middle.

My sixth and seventh quarterbacks also fall here. Neither is a surefire starter in the NFL, but both can be capable backups who could become starters if developed in the right system. Mond definitely needs to work on his footwork and mechanics, though his arm is impressive. And Trask is very accurate but lacks arm strength and pocket mobility. The next QBs on my board fall below 70 grades, starting with Stanford's Davis Mills (69) and Georgia's Jamie Newman (65). Check out how all 300-plus prospects on my board stack up.

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NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	OVR RANK
Trevor Lawrence*	QB	6'5⅝"	213	Clemson	**97**	1
Kyle Pitts*	TE	6'5⅝"	245	Florida	**94**	2
Ja'Marr Chase*	WR	6'0⅜"	201	LSU	**94**	3
Zach Wilson*	QB	6'2⅛"	214	BYU	**93**	4
DeVonta Smith	WR	6'0¼"	170	Alabama	**93**	5
Jaylen Waddle*	WR	5'9½"	180	Alabama	**93**	6
Penei Sewell*	OT	6'6"	330	Oregon	**93**	7
Rashawn Slater	OT	6'4¼"	304	Northwestern	**93**	8
Micah Parsons*	ILB	6'3⅛"	246	Penn State	**93**	9
Trey Lance*	QB	6'3⅞"	224	North Dakota State	**92**	10
Patrick Surtain II*	CB	6'2"	208	Alabama	**92**	11
Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	ILB	6'1½"	221	Notre Dame	**92**	12
Justin Fields*	QB	6'2¾"	227	Ohio State	**91**	13
Jaycee Horn*	CB	6'0¾"	205	South Carolina	**91**	14
Alijah Vera-Tucker*	OG	6'4½"	308	USC	**91**	15
Caleb Farley*	CB	6'1⅞"	197	Virginia Tech	**91**	16
Trevon Moehrig*	S	6'0⅝"	202	TCU	**91**	17
Kwity Paye	DE	6'2½"	261	Michigan	**91**	18
Mac Jones*	QB	6'2⅝"	217	Alabama	**90**	19
Kadarius Toney	WR	5'11⅝"	193	Florida	**90**	20
Najee Harris	RB	6'1⅜"	232	Alabama	**90**	21
Travis Etienne	RB	5'10⅛"	215	Clemson	**90**	22
Zaven Collins*	OLB	6'4"	260	Tulsa	**90**	23
Azeez Ojulari*	OLB	6'2¼"	249	Georgia	**90**	24
Christian Darrisaw*	OT	6'4¾"	322	Virginia Tech	**90**	25
Jamin Davis*	ILB	6'3½"	234	Kentucky	**90**	26
Greg Newsome II*	CB	6'0"	192	Northwestern	**90**	27
Jaelan Phillips*	DE	6'5½"	260	Miami	**90**	28
Terrace Marshall Jr.*	WR	6'2½"	205	LSU	**90**	29
Teven Jenkins	OT	6'6½"	320	Oklahoma State	**89**	30

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NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	OVR RANK
Nick Bolton*	ILB	5'11⅛"	237	Missouri	**89**	31
Christian Barmore*	DT	6'4⅛"	310	Alabama	**89**	32
Elijah Moore*	WR	5'9½"	178	Ole Miss	**89**	33
Javonte Williams*	RB	5'9⅝"	212	North Carolina	**88**	34
Ronnie Perkins*	DE	6'2½"	253	Oklahoma	**88**	35
Jalen Mayfield*	OT	6'5¼"	326	Michigan	**88**	36
Liam Eichenberg	OT	6'6⅛"	306	Notre Dame	**88**	37
Joe Tryon*	DE	6'5"	259	Washington	**88**	38
Rashod Bateman*	WR	6'0⅜"	190	Minnesota	**88**	39
Asante Samuel Jr.*	CB	5'10⅛"	180	Florida State	**88**	40
Gregory Rousseau*	DE	6'6⅝"	266	Miami	**88**	41
Tutu Atwell*	WR	5'8⅞"	155	Louisville	**87**	42
Jayson Oweh*	DE	6'4⅞"	257	Penn State	**87**	43
Levi Onwuzurike	DT	6'2⅞"	290	Washington	**87**	44
Jabril Cox	ILB	6'3¼"	232	LSU	**86**	45
Carlos Basham Jr.	DE	6'3¼"	274	Wake Forest	**86**	46
Kelvin Joseph*	CB	5'11½"	197	Kentucky	**85**	47
Pat Freiermuth*	TE	6'5"	251	Penn State	**85**	48
Landon Dickerson	C	6'5⅝"	333	Alabama	**85**	49
Elijah Molden	CB	5'9½"	192	Washington	**84**	50
Chazz Surratt	ILB	6'2⅛"	229	North Carolina	**84**	51
Patrick Jones II	DE	6'4¼"	261	Pittsburgh	**83**	52
Richie Grant	S	5'11⅝"	197	UCF	**83**	53
Hunter Long*	TE	6'5"	254	Boston College	**83**	54
Rondale Moore*	WR	5'7"	181	Purdue	**82**	55
Samuel Cosmi*	OT	6'5⅞"	314	Texas	**82**	56
Jevon Holland*	S	6'1"	208	Oregon	**82**	57
Creed Humphrey*	C	6'4¼"	302	Oklahoma	**82**	58
Alex Leatherwood	OG	6'4¾"	312	Alabama	**82**	59
Payton Turner	DE	6'5½"	289	Houston	**81**	60

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NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	OVR RANK
Andre Cisco*	S	6'0⅝"	216	Syracuse	**81**	61
Tyson Campbell*	CB	6'1"	193	Georgia	**81**	62
Jackson Carman*	OG	6'4⅞"	317	Clemson	**81**	63
Ifeatu Melifonwu*	CB	6'2½"	205	Syracuse	**80**	64
Quinn Meinerz*	OG	6'2⅞"	320	Wisconsin-Whitewater	**80**	65
Dillon Radunz	OT	6'5¾"	301	North Dakota State	**79**	66
Chris Rumph II*	OLB	6'2⅞"	244	Duke	**79**	67
Alim McNeill*	DT	6'1⅞"	317	NC State	**79**	68
Eric Stokes*	CB	6'0⅝"	194	Georgia	**79**	69
Anthony Schwartz*	WR	6'0"	186	Auburn	**79**	70
Tylan Wallace	WR	5'11"	187	Oklahoma State	**78**	71
Aaron Robinson	CB	5'11½"	186	UCF	**78**	72
Trey Sermon	RB	6'0⅜"	215	Ohio State	**78**	73
Nico Collins	WR	6'4⅛"	215	Michigan	**77**	74
Milton Williams*	DT	6'3"	284	Louisiana Tech	**77**	75
Benjamin St-Juste	CB	6'3¼"	202	Minnesota	**77**	76
Wyatt Davis*	OG	6'3⅝"	315	Ohio State	**77**	77
Walker Little	OT	6'7⅜"	313	Stanford	**77**	78
Michael Carter	RB	5'7⅞"	201	North Carolina	**77**	79
Joseph Ossai*	OLB	6'3¾"	256	Texas	**76**	80
D'Wayne Eskridge	WR	5'8¾"	190	Western Michigan	**76**	81
Jay Tufele*	DT	6'2⅛"	305	USC	**76**	82
Tay Gowan	CB	6'0⅞"	186	UCF	**76**	83
James Hudson*	OT	6'4¾"	313	Cincinnati	**75**	84
Amari Rodgers	WR	5'9½"	212	Clemson	**75**	85
Shi Smith	WR	5'9½"	186	South Carolina	**73**	86
Brevin Jordan*	TE	6'2⅝"	247	Miami	**73**	87
Kellen Mond	QB	6'2⅝"	211	Texas A&M	**73**	88
Shakur Brown*	CB	5'9¾"	185	Michigan State	**73**	89
Jamar Johnson*	S	6'1"	197	Indiana	**73**	90

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Aaron Banks	OG	6'5⅜"	325	Notre Dame	**73**	91
Cade Johnson	WR	5'10⅝"	184	South Dakota State	**72**	92
Paulson Adebo	CB	6'1"	198	Stanford	**72**	93
Richard LeCounte	S	5'10½"	196	Georgia	**72**	94
Daviyon Nixon*	DT	6'3⅛"	313	Iowa	**72**	95
Dyami Brown*	WR	6'0⅝"	189	North Carolina	**71**	96
Spencer Brown	OT	6'8¼"	311	Northern Iowa	**71**	97
Pete Werner	ILB	6'2⅞"	238	Ohio State	**71**	98
Trey Smith	OG	6'5½"	321	Tennessee	**71**	99
Shaun Wade	CB	6'0⅝"	196	Ohio State	**71**	100
Hamsah Nasirildeen	S	6'3¼"	215	Florida State	**71**	101
Osa Odighizuwa	DT	6'1⅝"	282	UCLA	**71**	102
Kyle Trask	QB	6'5¼"	236	Florida	**70**	103
Sage Surratt*	WR	6'2½"	209	Wake Forest	**70**	104
Josh Myers*	C	6'5¼"	310	Ohio State	**70**	105
Baron Browning	OLB	6'2¾"	245	Ohio State	**70**	106
Marco Wilson*	CB	5'11⅝"	191	Florida	**70**	107
Dayo Odeyingbo	DE	6'5⅛"	285	Vanderbilt	**70**	108
Marvin Wilson	DT	6'3⅞"	303	Florida State	**70**	109
Tyler Shelvin*	DT	6'2⅛"	350	LSU	**70**	110
Rhamondre Stevenson	RB	5'11⅝"	231	Oklahoma	**70**	111
Robert Rochell	CB	5'11¾"	193	Central Arkansas	**69**	112
Rashad Weaver	DE	6'4⅜"	259	Pittsburgh	**69**	113
Marlon Tuipulotu*	DT	6'1⅞"	307	USC	**69**	114
Dylan Moses	ILB	6'1¼"	225	Alabama	**69**	115
Davis Mills	QB	6'3¾"	217	Stanford	**69**	116
Tommy Tremble*	TE	6'3⅜"	241	Notre Dame	**69**	117
DJ Daniel	CB	5'11¾"	195	Georgia	**68**	118
Damar Hamlin	S	6'0⅞"	200	Pittsburgh	**68**	119
Monty Rice	ILB	6'0⅜"	233	Georgia	**68**	120

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Dan Moore Jr.	OT	6'5⅝"	311	Texas A&M	**68**	121
Tre' McKitty	TE	6'4¼"	246	Georgia	**68**	122
Tyler Vaughns	WR	6'2"	184	USC	**68**	123
Rachad Wildgoose*	CB	5'10⅛"	191	Wisconsin	**67**	124
Trill Williams*	S	6'0⅜"	208	Syracuse	**67**	125
Bobby Brown III*	DT	6'4"	321	Texas A&M	**67**	126
Ernest Jones*	ILB	6'1½"	230	South Carolina	**67**	127
Deonte Brown	OG	6'3¼"	344	Alabama	**67**	128
Osirus Mitchell	WR	6'5"	206	Mississippi State	**67**	129
Camryn Bynum	CB	6'0¼"	196	California	**66**	130
K.J. Britt	ILB	6'0½"	235	Auburn	**66**	131
Ben Cleveland	OG	6'6¼"	343	Georgia	**66**	132
Amon-Ra St. Brown*	WR	5'11½"	197	USC	**66**	133
Daelin Hayes	DE	6'3½"	253	Notre Dame	**65**	134
Tommy Togiai*	DT	6'1½"	296	Ohio State	**65**	135
Elerson Smith	OLB	6'6¼"	252	Northern Iowa	**65**	136
Jamie Newman	QB	6'2⅞"	234	Georgia	**65**	137
Frank Darby	WR	6'0"	201	Arizona State	**65**	138
Tre Brown	CB	5'9¾"	185	Oklahoma	**64**	139
Caden Sterns*	S	5'11⅞"	202	Texas	**64**	140
Demetric Felton	RB	5'8⅝"	189	UCLA	**64**	141
T.J. Vasher	WR	6'5½"	214	Texas Tech	**64**	142
Kenneth Gainwell*	RB	5'8⅜"	201	Memphis	**63**	143
Marquez Stevenson	WR	6'0"	189	Houston	**63**	144
Ar'Darius Washington*	S	5'8¼"	176	TCU	**62**	145
Justin Hilliard	ILB	6'0½"	229	Ohio State	**62**	146
Trey Hill*	C	6'3½"	319	Georgia	**62**	147
Jaylon Moore	OG	6'4⅛"	311	Western Michigan	**62**	148
Warren Jackson	WR	6'6"	219	Colorado State	**62**	149
Hamilcar Rashed Jr.	OLB	6'2⅜"	251	Oregon State	**61**	150

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1. Trevor Lawrence
Clemson · QB · Junior

Lawrence is a tall, long and athletic quarterback. He has a long delivery, but he still gets the ball out quickly and it explodes out of his hand. The Clemson offense features a lot of quick screens and quick hitters. He showed excellent touch and placement on those throws. He can really drive the ball down the field when called upon and he also has the ability to layer the ball (over linebackers/under safeties) in the middle of the field. His overall accuracy is excellent at all three levels. He does need to improve his pocket awareness. He doesn't always feel back-side pressure and needs to speed up his clock versus front-side pressure. Outside of his final game with the Tigers (College Football Playoff semifinal loss to Ohio State), I was impressed with his decision-making. He is a dangerous runner because of his build-up speed and toughness. Overall, Lawrence is ready to start right away and he has the tools to ultimately emerge as a top-five player at his position.

2. Kyle Pitts, TE, Florida
Florida · TE · Junior

Pitts is a long, lean tight end prospect with excellent speed, ball skills and production. He has lined up inline, flexed in the slot and split out wide. He runs routes like a wideout. The former Gator has burst off the line, sets up defenders and explodes out of the break point. He beat upper-echelon SEC cornerbacks on a weekly basis. He builds speed to separate down the seam and tracks the ball naturally down the field. Pitts has an enormous catch radius. He uses his speed to pile up yards after the catch. He showed tremendous improvement as a blocker in 2020. He fits up, doing his best to wrestle and stay attached. He will fall off at times, but the effort is there. Overall, Pitts is a unique talent with the ability to take over a game. He is the definition of a mismatch player.

3. Ja'Marr Chase
LSU · WR · Junior

Chase is a dominant player on tape. He lined up both outside and in the slot at LSU. He defeats press coverage with a combination of foot quickness and upper-body strength. He creates separation off the line of scrimmage and he can also find another gear when the ball is in the air. He is a clean route runner. He won't gear down in traffic and has very strong hands to pluck and play through contact. He attacks 50/50 balls and consistently wins. Chase is at his best after the catch. He routinely breaks tackles and can make defenders miss, too. He did have a couple drops when the ball was on his back hip but I have no concerns about his hands. Overall, I love Chase's attacking style of play and see him as a faster version of three-time Pro Bowl selectee Anquan Boldin.

4. Zach Wilson
BYU · QB · Junior

Wilson has average height and a lean/narrow frame for the quarterback position. He's an excellent athlete and generates several wow plays in every game I've studied. Wilson has a dynamic throwing motion. He carries the ball low but once his hands separate, the ball comes out in a hurry with a high level of RPMs. He's extremely accurate from a variety of platforms and arm angles. He makes some incredible throws while fading away with both feet off the ground, and he can drive the ball to the boundary from the far hash. He also uses his quickness and creativity to buy time to let his targets uncover. He's effective on designed QB runs, but that part of his game will need to be limited at the next level due to his lack of size. My only real concern with Wilson is durability. He's already been through shoulder surgery (after his freshman season) and he doesn't have an ideal frame. If he can stay healthy, his upside is enormous.

5. Jaylen Waddle, WR, Alabama
Alabama · WR · Junior

Waddle is a slightly undersized receiver with extraordinary speed and playmaking ability. He has the ability to line up inside or outside. His acceleration in his release is elite. He destroys the cushions he receives from defenders in a hiccup and can find a second and third gear once the ball is in the air. He's at his best on runaway routes, but he flashes the ability to efficiently gear down and work back downhill. I thought his hands were improved this fall (see: crazy catch versus Missouri in the season opener). He's one of the most talented kickoff and punt returners (just watch the tape of his 2019 performance against Auburn) to enter the NFL over the last decade. Overall, Waddle isn't quite as strong as Tyreek Hill, but he's capable of having the same impact in the NFL.

6. DeVonta Smith
Alabama · WR · Senior

Smith is a rail-thin wideout with long arms, excellent play speed and outstanding hands. He's a silky-smooth route runner who accelerates into and out of the break point, which creates an unusual amount of separation against quality competition. He has complete faith in his hands, allowing him to run through the ball (without gathering his feet) on underneath and intermediate crossers. His leaping ability and length creates some special high-point grabs. He has a second gear after the catch and surprising toughness to break tackles. He competes as a blocker, too. People inside the Alabama program rave about his character, work ethic and professionalism. Smith should emerge as a high-volume weapon as soon as his cleats hit an NFL field.

7. Trey Lance
North Dakota State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Lance has a thick/sturdy frame for the quarterback position. He only started 17 games at North Dakota State, but there is plenty to get excited about. He split his time between under center and in the shotgun. He plays with excellent patience and poise, taking what the defense gives him. He rarely puts the ball in jeopardy (he didn’t throw an interception until his final collegiate game). He shows the ability to change ball speed and trajectory underneath, while also displaying the velocity to fit the ball into tight windows on intermediate throws. His deep-ball accuracy needs to improve, though. He has a bad habit of sinking his weight before he throws, which impacts his placement. He is very strong in the pocket, routinely shrugging off rushers and creating plays. He is ultra-competitive on designed QB runs, displaying build-up speed and power. Lance is going to need time to develop, but I’m going to bet on his skill set, competitiveness and decision-making.

8. Justin Fields
Ohio State · QB · Junior

Fields has good size, excellent arm strength and remarkable athleticism for the quarterback position. He has produced monster numbers both passing and rushing in the Buckeyes' spread system. He is at his best when he throws on time and in rhythm. The ball jumps out of his hand and he can deliver it accurately at all three levels. When the defense takes that initial target away, he's had issues quickly aborting that opportunity, which has made him late on throws and also resulted in sacks. He has shown flashes of quickly getting deeper in his progressions (see: 2021 Sugar Bowl vs. Clemson), but that part of his game is still a work in progress. He's dynamic as a runner. His first step is explosive and he pulls away from defenders with ease. He's also incredibly tough, as evidenced by his performance after getting drilled in the semifinal game against the Tigers. Overall, I think Fields has a chance to be special, but it's going to take some time for him to speed up his clock in the passing game.

9. Rashawn Slater
Northwestern · OT · Senior

Slater is a slightly undersized tackle prospect. He plays with outstanding knee bend, foot quickness and balance. He explodes out of his stance in the passing game and does an excellent job of re-working his hands to maintain inside position. Slater gives a little ground versus power before dropping his weight and anchoring late. His best trait is his ability to recover when he finds himself in a bad position. In the run game, he plays with quickness and urgency when working up to the second level. He takes great angles and is one of the best I've seen when it comes to cutting off linebackers. He doesn't have elite power to knock back defenders over his nose, but he does a good job of running his feet and staying attached. He has excellent awareness. Overall, Slater might lack ideal length, but it doesn't hinder him and I believe he can excel at left tackle. If a team chooses to play him inside, he should quickly develop into a Pro Bowl guard.

10. Patrick Surtain II
Alabama · CB · Junior

Surtain has an ideal blend of size, speed and ball skills. He's at his best in press coverage. He doesn't consistently re-route receivers, but he avoids false steps and has plenty of speed to stay on top versus the vertical passing game. He will struggle at times versus smaller/quicker pass catchers. Like most big corners, he lacks top-flight short-area quickness. He has good eyes from off coverage, though. He identifies route combinations and makes aggressive plays on the ball. He is tough to fill versus the run and he's a reliable tackler in the open field. Overall, Surtain is a very similar prospect to Marlon Humphrey when he was coming out of Alabama. I envision similar success for Surtain at the next level.

11. Micah Parsons
Penn State · LB · Junior

Parsons has a big, athletic frame and possesses excellent speed and versatility. He is quick to key/read before attacking the line of scrimmage. He can defeat blocks with his hands or use his quickness to slip past them. He has the speed to make plays sideline to sideline, although there were a few occasions where he overran the football in the games I studied. He also had some issues sniffing out the ball on zone reads. He's very gifted in coverage versus tight ends and running backs. He has timing and burst as a blitzer off the edge. Overall, there aren't many holes in Parsons' game. It's difficult to find linebackers with his size and ability to impact the passing game.

12. Penei Sewell
Oregon · OT · Junior

Sewell has a huge frame, quick feet and strong hands. He has the foot quickness to kick out and cover up speed rushers in the passing game. His hands can get too wide at times, which allows defenders to get underneath him (see: matchup against then-Auburn DT Derrick Brown in 2019). However, he stays connected and usually wins when he locks on. He has the ability to bend and drop his weight, but he gets too upright on occasion. Sewell does some special things in the run game. He can uproot defenders over his nose and he is explosive as a puller. The more I watched, I did have some concerns about his balance. He lunges at times and ends up on the ground more often than you'd like. Overall, Sewell isn't the most polished blocker in this class, but he does offer the most upside.

13. Gregory Rousseau
Miami · Edge rusher · Sophomore (RS)

Rousseau is a tall, long and rangy defender. He aligned all over the front in Miami's scheme and was extremely productive in 2019 despite having limited experience on the defensive line (he played safety and wide receiver in high school). He lacks an elite get-off as a pass rusher, but his combination of quick hands, length and instincts leads to sacks and pressures in bunches. He has an effective swipe/rip move and he can close/finish. He didn't show much power early in the '19 season, but he got better every week. By the end of the season, he flashed the ability to convert speed to power (see: Duke game). He is very comfortable and effective rushing inside. In the run game, he uses his length to set the edge, but he does get too high at times. His effort is excellent. Overall, Rousseau is still developing, but he has found a way to post elite production while learning on the job. His best football is ahead of him.

14. Kwity Paye
Michigan · Edge rusher · Senior

Paye has the ideal frame and explosiveness for an NFL edge rusher. He's at his best playing on the outside, but Michigan had him moving all around their front, including playing head-up over the center. As a pass rusher, he is explosive out of his stance, but it looks different because of his short/choppy steps. I'd like to see him cover more ground, but that is easily correctable. He has violent hands to create a knockback, but he still needs to develop a better plan to consistently escape and finish. I love his effort and determination. Against the run, he crushes tight ends at the point of attack and can close in a hurry from the back side. He does have some stiffness in space, but he's a capable dropper in the flat. Paye is raw, but there could be a huge payoff when he puts it all together.

15. Alijah Vera-Tucker
USC · OG · Junior (RS)

Vera-Tucker is one of the safest players in this draft class. He played guard at a very high level in 2019 before producing an outstanding campaign at tackle in 2020. He plays with excellent strength, balance and awareness in pass protection. He is quick out of his stance and has a sharp/quick punch. He can bend and does a good job of staying connected. He will underset at times, allowing defenders on his edge, but he is quick to recover and run them around the pocket. He squats down versus power rushers and quickly stops their charge. In the run game, he can latch, control and create movement on down blocks. He takes excellent angles to the second level and has a good feel on combo blocks. He isn't the most dynamic athlete, but he's always under control and rarely in bad position. Overall, I think he has a chance to stick at tackle, but he's ideally suited to play guard. He is ready to start on Day 1.

16. Jaycee Horn
South Carolina · CB · Junior

Horn is a big, physical cornerback with plenty of speed and instincts. He's physical with his hands to consistently re-route in press coverage. He is fluid when he opens up and can run/stay in phase with vertical routes. His short-area quickness is good for a big cornerback. However, he has some bad habits to break in off coverage. He catches and grabs too much. He will draw a lot of flags at the next level if that doesn't get cleaned up. He does do a good job of locating and playing the ball downfield. He has outstanding hands to finish with the ball. He is more than willing in run support (see: huge hit versus Auburn). Overall, Horn needs to play with more confidence from off coverage (to avoid panicking and grabbing), but he has the skills to excel right away as a press-man cornerback.

17. Caleb Farley
Virginia Tech · CB · Junior (RS)

Farley has outstanding size, length and speed for the cornerback position. He mixes up his technique and effectively re-routes wideouts with a one- or two-hand jam in press coverage. He's very fluid/loose and stays in phase with his man underneath and down the field. Farley has a quick/smooth pedal in off coverage and his patience helps him handle double moves. He shows exceptional burst when he does drive on the ball. The redshirt junior has plenty of speed to carry vertical routes. He can find and play the ball down the field. He's aggressive to fill versus the run, but he will fall off a few tackles. Overall, Farley has all of the ingredients to be a No. 1 cornerback at the next level.

18. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah
Notre Dame · LB · Junior (RS)

Owusu-Koramoah starred as an athletic hybrid defender for the Fighting Irish. He can play Will linebacker, safety or even cover in the slot. He's very fluid and twitchy to mirror tight ends, backs or slot receivers. He's very aware as a zone dropper and he's an explosive blitzer off the edge. He is quick to key/read before dipping under blocks on the front side against the run. He flashes the ability to use his length to punch off blockers, but he is much more effective beating them to spots. He has big-time speed to chase from the back side. He needs to improve his consistency as a tackler in space, though, as he has too many fly-by misses. He brings outstanding leadership to the defense. Overall, Owusu-Koramoah might lack ideal size/bulk, but he's built for a pass-happy NFL.

19. Trevon Moehrig
TCU · S · Junior

Moehrig has adequate size, but excellent versatility and instincts. He can play in the deep post or cover in the slot. He is a smooth, fluid mover in man coverage underneath. He also possesses ideal anticipation and range from the back end. He has the ability to consistently match patterns and position himself for plays on the ball. The former TCU star does need to improve his finishing ability, having dropped a couple interceptions in the games I studied. He takes quality angles in run support and is a reliable, low tackler. Overall, Moehrig offers a complete skill set at the position. He will provide his defensive coordinator with options, which is exactly what's desired in 2021.

20. Travis Etienne
Clemson · RB · Senior

Etienne is a compact, muscled-up running back with outstanding burst and balance. He's at his best as a one-cut runner, putting his foot in the ground and exploding up the field. He isn't overly elusive in the hole, but he hits it at full speed and absorbs contact while keeping his balance. He has plenty of speed to capture the edge on outside runs. He rarely loses a foot race once he gets into the open field. He is very valuable in the passing game, too. He has a great sense of timing and spacing in the screen game. He also possesses the ability to run away from linebackers on seams and angle routes. He has even flashed the ability to split out wide and run double moves. He improved in pass protection in 2020. Etienne doesn't have elite vision or wiggle, but his speed is real and it's spectacular when given a runway.

21. Najee Harris
Alabama · RB · Senior

Harris is a big, smooth running back who posted outstanding production during his Alabama career. He is very patient to let holes develop before sliding through the line of scrimmage on inside runs. He has tremendous contact balance, routinely absorbing a hit and finishing runs. He doesn't have the juice to really stretch to the boundary on outside runs, preferring to quickly get his shoulders squared and turn upfield. He is sneaky elusive in space, though, and can drop his shoulder to run through tacklers. He's an excellent pass catcher out of the backfield. He runs clean routes and has the ability to high-point the ball down the field. He's aware and dependable in pass protection. Overall, Harris isn't a home run hitter, but he's a very skilled runner with excellent value in the passing game. I see similarities to former Chicago Bears star Matt Forte when he was coming out of college.

22. Jaelan Phillips
Miami · Edge rusher · Junior (RS)

Phillips is a tall, explosive and bendy edge rusher. He splits his time between playing with his hand on the ground and standing up on the edge. As a pass rusher, he has an excellent get-off and possesses the ankle flexibility to bend and corner smoothly at the top of his rush. He has an explosive inside counter move and he also uses his length to pop/separate to generate sacks and pressures. He needs to be more consistent using his hands to control blockers against the run. He has speed/burst to quickly close from the back side. There is some concern about Phillips' durability based on his injury history during his UCLA career (he transferred to Miami in 2019), but he has as much talent as any pass rusher in this draft class.

23. Kadarius Toney
Florida · WR · Senior

Toney is a versatile, explosive playmaker. He lines up in the slot and does a lot of damage on fly sweeps and seam routes. His combination of play strength, burst and wiggle makes him difficult to get on the ground once the ball is in his hands. He doesn't run a wide variety of routes, but he has the skill set to develop in that area. He's dangerous in the return game because of his athleticism and lack of fear. Overall, Toney isn't quite as big as Deebo Samuel, but I envision him playing the same role at the next level.

24. Jamin Davis
Kentucky · LB · Junior (RS)

Davis is a tall and lanky off-the-ball linebacker. He has excellent eyes to key, read, fill and finish. He uses his quickness to beat blockers to spots. He is much better working around blocks than taking them on, but he has outstanding lateral range, and his eyes give him a jump-start. He has stopping power as a tackler in the hole, and he really excels against the pass. He has shown the ability to carry TEs down the seam as well as mirror RBs on wheel routes (SEE: Vanderbilt game). He is instinctive as a zone dropper, picking off three passes in 2020, including an 85-yard pick-six versus Tennessee. I wish he was allowed to blitz more often, because he has the traits to excel in that department. Overall, Davis lacks some strength to bang versus blockers, but his speed and playmaking ability jump off the screen. He should be a Day 1, three-down impact player at the next level.

25. Zaven Collins
Tulsa · LB · Junior (RS)

Collins is an enormous off-ball linebacker. He played outside in Tulsa's 3-3-5 alignment. He has the length and bulk to take on guards and free himself for tackles against the run. He builds speed laterally, displaying tremendous range. He has average short-area quickness, but he is still a dependable tackler in space. He is outstanding in pass coverage, using his instincts to clog throwing lanes. He is more than capable of covering tight ends all over the field. He rushed off the edge on occasion and is good with his hands to defeat tight ends and running backs. You can get a sense of his athleticism if you watch his 96-yard pick-six to defeat Tulane in overtime. Overall, Collins is a unique player because of his size/speed combination and I believe he'll make an immediate impact at the next level.

26. Javonte Williams
North Carolina · RB · Junior

Williams is a thick, compact running back with outstanding vision, power and quickness. He is quick to find/attack the hole with a bounce in his step on inside runs. He has tremendous lateral quickness to make defenders miss in tight quarters. He runs with a low pad level and accelerates through contact. Williams has the burst to get the edge on outside runs and he's elusive once he gets into the open field. He is effective as a checkdown option in the passing game and flashes some route polish on angle routes in the middle of the field. He has reliable hands, although you will see some double catches. He is aware in pass protection and can squat and absorb blitzers. Overall, Williams is a complete player and could emerge as the best running back in the 2021 class.

27. Jalen Mayfield
Michigan · OT · Sophomore (RS)

Mayfield played right tackle for the Wolverines. He has a thick, square build and plays with strength and balance. In the passing game, he has average foot quickness in his set, but he does a nice job of staying square and keeping defenders off his edges. He will give a little ground versus power before dropping his weight and anchoring down. His inside hand is powerful to jolt. He stays attached once he latches on. He's very aware versus twists and blitzers in the run game. He plays with leverage, strong hands and a nasty temperament to finish. He lacks suddenness working up to the second level, but he takes excellent angles and is very effective. Overall, Mayfield doesn't have elite foot quickness, but he's very consistent on tape and looks like a Day 1 starting right tackle.

28. Greg Newsome II
Northwestern · CB · Junior

Newsome is a tall, agile cornerback. He played a lot of off coverage in Northwestern's scheme. He stays crouched in his pedal and is always under control. He's fluid when he opens up to turn and carry vertical routes. He stays in phase and he can locate/play the ball. He doesn't have an explosive plant/drive, but he does have the awareness to anticipate throws. He has excellent instincts versus the run and pass. Against the run, he will hang on blocks too long at times, but he is a solid tackler once he frees himself. I expect Newsome to develop into a reliable starting cornerback very early in his NFL career.

29. Azeez Ojulari
Georgia · Edge rusher · Sophomore (RS)

Ojulari is a slightly undersized edge rusher. He split time between playing with his hand on the ground and standing up on the edge for the Bulldogs. He takes short/quick steps and has a variety of pass-rush moves. He will push/pull, utilize a jump/slap/swim move or stick his head into the chest of offensive tackles and bull through them. He isn't an elite bender at the top of his rush due to some ankle tightness. His effort is excellent. He can stack and set the edge consistently versus the run. He can turn and chase, showing the ability to quickly close. He saved his best for the Peach Bowl against Cincinnati. He was a destructive force in that contest. Overall, Ojulari has some tightness and lacks ideal size, but he made plays in every game I studied. He is best suited to stand up on the outside for an odd-front team.

30. Levi Onwuzurike
Washington · DT · Senior (RS)

Onwuzurike is a slightly undersized defensive tackle who was highly destructive in every Washington game I studied. The Huskies moved him around in their scheme, but I believe he's best suited as a 3-technique, on the edge of the guard. He has an explosive first step and very quick hands against the pass. He flashes a twitchy slap/swim move, but there are times when he doesn't have a plan and gets stuck. He can drive interior blockers right back to the quarterback when he comes off the ball with his pads low to the ground. Against the run, he plays much bigger than his size. He can stack single opponents with one arm and refuses to stay blocked. He has lateral range and his effort is phenomenal. Overall, Onwuzurike's pass rush production isn't special, but all of the tools are there to improve the results at the next level.

31. Jayson Oweh
Penn State · Edge rusher · Sophomore (RS)

Oweh is a long, lean-muscled edge rusher. He is more disruptive than productive on 2020 tape. As a pass rusher, he explodes out of his four-point stance and flashes an effective chop/rip and an occasional up/under move. However, there are too many snaps where he doesn't have much of a plan. He does have the ability to bend at the top of his rush and collected a lot of QB hits on the tape I watched. He didn't have any sacks to show for it in 2020, though. He plays too high against the run, but he uses his length to press out tackles and set the edge. He will get washed by down blocks when aligned inside. Overall, Oweh is an intriguing talent with his best football ahead of him.

32. Mac Jones
Alabama · QB · Junior (RS)

Jones has average size and athleticism for the quarterback position. He's operated out of the shotgun and pistol, showing incredible accuracy, efficiency and poise. He is a high-effort thrower, with slightly above-average arm strength. He's at his best on touch throws, where he can anticipate and place the ball on the proper shoulder of his target. He shows toughness to hang in versus pressure, although he rarely faced it with an elite offensive line protecting him. He isn't much of a threat as a runner and he lacks the twitch to consistently escape and buy extra time. Jones should become a starting NFL quarterback, but his lack of twitch and athleticism will limit the playbook with the way the game is trending.

33. Nick Bolton
Missouri · LB · Junior

Bolton is a slightly undersized linebacker with excellent speed and explosiveness. He has the lateral quicks to avoid blocks, fill and chest up running backs. He has stopping power as a tackler. He improved his take-on skills as the 2020 season progressed. He has big-time lateral range because of his burst/speed. He needs to improve as a zone dropper in coverage, though. He is late to anticipate and fill throwing windows. He's much more instinctive in the run game. However, he does have the athleticism to match up and mirror tight ends. He is a dynamic blitzer. Overall, I love Bolton's speed and energy, but he does need to improve in zone coverage. If he polishes that aspect of his game, he could emerge as a top-tier starter at the next level.

34. Teven Jenkins
Oklahoma State · OT · Senior (RS)

Jenkins is a big, powerful right tackle. He is very quick out of his stance in the passing game and he can cover ground in a hurry. He has no issues kicking out to cover up speed rushers. However, he does have some issues when he has to quickly redirect inside, which leads to some pressures allowed. He has strong, violent hands but he will get too aggressive at times, which affects his balance. He absorbs power rushers pretty easily, though. He's fun to watch in the run game. He can torque and dump linemen over his nose. He collects a lot of knockdowns. He has the quickness to cut off on the back side and he's very efficient climbing to the second level. Overall, Jenkins has some balance issues to correct, but I love his size, quickness and nastiness. I view him as a quality NFL starter at right tackle.

35. Joe Tryon
Washington · Edge rusher · Junior (RS)

Tryon has an ideal frame/build for an edge rusher. His game is built on his strength and power more than his speed and agility. He has an average get-off as a pass rusher, but he has shock in his hands to jolt offensive tackles, separate and close on the quarterback. He has a nasty push/pull move and can shorten the edge by powering through the outside shoulder. He isn't bendy at the top of his rush due to some ankle tightness. His effort is exceptional. He dominated tight ends at the point of attack against the run and he can reset the line of scrimmage. Overall, Tryon plays with force and effort, which affects both the run and pass game. He can make an impact on all three downs and should get on the field right away for the team that drafts him.

36. Christian Darrisaw
Virginia Tech · OT · Junior

Darrisaw was a solid, reliable starter at left tackle during his career with the Hokies. He has ideal size, length and balance. In the passing game, he has average foot quickness in his set but can bend his knees and plays with a firm base. He has a sharp two-hand punch and generally keeps defenders away from his chest. He plays with excellent awareness. He uses his upper-body strength to torque and turn defenders in the run game. He takes good angles to the second level, where he's able to position and wall off linebackers. He will have some trouble adjusting in space because of his average change-of-direction skills. I view Darrisaw as a player who'll be starting at right tackle very early in his NFL career.

37. Terrace Marshall Jr.
LSU · WR · Junior

Marshall is a tall, long and athletic wideout. He's played in the slot and outside. He is at his best as a vertical target on seams, corners and post routes. The former Tiger has a smooth, easy stride and he builds speed down the field. He isn't a crisp route runner, but he does know how to use his body to shield off defenders. He had some drops on the tape I watched, but he makes up for them with big plays. He's very physical and competitive after the catch. He breaks a lot of tackles. Marshall hasn't put it all together yet, but all of the tools are there for him to be a solid No. 2 receiver in the NFL.

38. Elijah Moore
Mississippi · WR · Junior

Moore is an undersized wideout with outstanding versatility, quickness and toughness. He has experience lining up outside, in the slot and in the backfield. He has excellent quickness in his release and is clean/crisp at the top of routes. He gets a lot of quick hitters and he's very elusive after the catch. He also makes some huge plays over the top, tracking the ball naturally and showing reliable hands. He is effective when used as a runner out of the backfield, too. He hits the hole full-go and can make defenders miss. Overall, Moore lacks size, but he'll be a stud in the slot and can also help in the return game.

39. Asante Samuel Jr.
Florida State · CB · Junior

Samuel is an undersized cornerback with quick feet, trustworthy eyes and outstanding hands. He's at his best in off coverage. Samuel has a quick, fluid pedal and he is very efficient in his plant/drive on throws in front of him. He has outstanding route awareness and anticipation to position himself for ball production. There are some instances in which he gets outsized on vertical throws, but he is always in position. He isn't a physical run defender, but he is reliable to wrap up and get ball-carriers on the ground. Overall, Samuel has a very high football IQ and the skill set to start outside or in the slot.

40. Landon Dickerson
Alabama · Interior O-line · Senior (RS)

Dickerson is an enormous interior offensive lineman. The Florida State transfer has experience at center and guard. He has very quick feet in pass protection. He keeps his hands tight and plays with a wide base. He does have some issues when redirecting, but he uses his upper-body strength to wrestle his way back into position. In the run game, he uncoils on defenders over his nose, creating movement at the point of attack. He has enough quickness to reach/cut off. I love his tenacity to finish. The only issue I see is his durability. He suffered an assortment of injuries at FSU and tore his ACL in the SEC Championship Game this past season. Dickerson has first-round ability, but will likely fall to the second round based on injury concerns.

41. Liam Eichenberg
Notre Dame · OT · Senior (RS)

Eichenberg, the former starting left tackle for the Fighting Irish, has ideal height and awareness. He lacks quickness and ideal knee bend in pass protection, but does a good job of staying square and shooting his hands. He usually stays connected when he lands his punch. However, there are times he gets a little aggressive with his punch, which impacts his balance. He flashes the ability to latch and drive defenders over his nose in the run game. He takes good angles when working up to the second level. Overall, Eichenberg needs to clean up some balance issues, but I view him as a capable starter at right tackle.

42. Christian Barmore
Alabama · DT · Sophomore (RS)

Barmore is a big, talented defensive tackle. I was disappointed in his play at the beginning of the 2020 season, but the lingering effects of a preseason knee injury might have been a factor. He turned it way up down the stretch. He is a little late off the ball against the pass, but he has good quickness and flashes the power to push the pocket. He is outstanding on games and stunts when he can use his athleticism to wrap around blockers. He has a big burst to close and finish, too. He is very inconsistent versus the run, but he plays too high and gets uprooted too often. He does flash the range to make plays on the perimeter. Watch him close to the outside on a wide receiver screen in the Auburn game to get a better appreciation for his athleticism. Overall, Barmore is young, raw and talented. There is a boom/bust aspect to his evaluation, but he has all the tools.

43. Ronnie Perkins
Oklahoma · Edge rusher · Junior

Perkins is a powerful edge rusher with active hands and impressive instincts. As an edge rusher, he has a quick first step and he can quickly generate power without much of a runway. He has a wide variety of moves: push/pull, club, up-and-under and speed-to-power. (To see his pure power, watch what he does to Oklahoma State's Teven Jenkins.) Perkins doesn't have elite bend at the top of his rush, but he is a good finisher once he arrives at the quarterback. Against the run, he can stack and hold blocks on the front side, and he does a nice job of squeezing down from the back side. Overall, Perkins is a little undersized, but I love his combination of strength, skill and savvy. He should be an impact pass rusher as soon as he steps onto an NFL field.

44. Quinn Meinerz
Wisconsin-Whitewater · C · Junior (RS)

Meinerz is a unique player evaluation. He didn't play in 2020, as Wisconsin-Whitewater's season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, he spent the fall training and showed up looking like a different player at the Reese's Senior Bowl in January. He saw snaps at guard and center at the annual all-star game. He has the prototype frame, length, power and athleticism for an interior lineman. When I studied his 2019 tape, I loved his nastiness and physicality but he had some balance issues in both the run and passing game. He cleaned that up during the week at the Senior Bowl. He has a unique ability to leverage and roll his hips on contact to uproot and dump defenders over his nose in the run game. He can sink his hips and anchor down easily in pass protection. He has the athleticism to slide/mirror, using his length to keep defenders off his chest. Overall, Meinerz comes with some risk due to the jump in competition but he has all of the traits and the right temperament to develop into an elite starter at the next level.

45. Kelvin Joseph
Kentucky · CB · Sophomore (RS)

Joseph is tall, fluid cornerback with excellent ball skills. His tape is very inconsistent, but it’s easy to get excited about his upside. In press coverage, he flashes a physical jam and is very loose to open up and mirror. He has plenty of juice to carry vertical routes, and he can find and play the ball. In off coverage, he doesn’t waste steps before driving on the ball, taking good pursuit angles. If you want to like him, avoid the Florida game. Kyle Pitts turned him inside-out several times, resulting in big plays. Joseph was much better the rest of the season, however. He is aggressive versus the run, and he’s a reliable wrap/drag tackler. Overall, Joseph is still a work in progress, and teams need to do their homework on why he left LSU. However, he possesses tremendous upside and could eventually develop into an elite player at the next level.

46. Pat Freiermuth
Penn State · TE · Junior

Freiermuth is a big tight end with toughness and strong/reliable hands. In the passing game, he plays inline, on the wing or flexed out. He is a one-speed route runner, but he has a good feel for setting up defenders and using his big body to wall them off when the ball is in the air. He attacks the ball and flashes the ability to make special one-handed grabs. He is physical and fights for extra yards after the catch. He doesn't offer much top speed or wiggle. He fights to stalemate at the point of attack in the run game, but he will fall off at times. His willingness is apparent. Freiermuth isn't a dynamic athlete, but he has a good feel for the position and should be a steady, reliable starter.

47. Dillon Radunz
North Dakota State · OT · Senior (RS)

Radunz is a tall, lean left tackle. He has average foot quickness and athleticism. He is dependable in pass protection. He operates out of a wide stance and prefers to catch/absorb rather than punch and control. He has excellent awareness (you can see him pick up two free rushers against Central Arkansas). He flashes the ability to redirect and recover when he's beat early in the down. In the run game, he excels on combo blocks and shows some nasty to finish at the point of attack. Overall, Radunz needs to improve his hand usage and gain some strength, but he should emerge as a starting right tackle.

48. Rashod Bateman
Minnesota · WR · Junior

Bateman has excellent size, burst and route polish. He has spent time outside and in the slot. He’s a better fit on the perimeter at the next level, though. He is sudden in his release and gains ground quickly versus off coverage. He has had some issues freeing himself versus press coverage, but those are correctable. He is very sharp and crisp at the top of routes. He doesn’t drift and does a nice job working back to the quarterback when necessary. He can adjust on the deep ball and won several 50/50 balls in 2019. However, he did have some concentration drops in 2020. He relies more on his strength than wiggle after the catch. Overall, Bateman has some room to develop, but he has all of the tools to emerge as a quality starter at the next level.

49. Elijah Molden
Washington · CB · Senior

Molden is a thick, compact cornerback who primarily lined up in the slot for the Huskies. He's a feisty, instinctive player with excellent toughness. Molden is outstanding in underneath zone coverage, using his outstanding vision to anticipate throws and jump routes. He has the quickness and fluidity to mirror in underneath man coverage. His ability to find and play the ball is tremendous. He is an aggressive force defender against the run, flashing the ability to stack and toss blockers before collecting stops. He will also shoot gaps to make tackles for loss. The only concern is his lack of elite top speed. He has all of the tools to be an outstanding nickel back as soon as he arrives in the NFL.

50. Jabril Cox
LSU · LB · Senior (RS)

Cox is a versatile second-level defender with outstanding range, coverage ability and character. He is at his best when lined up outside the box. He can mirror tight ends in coverage and can chase plays down from the back side. He is a little bit late to key/diagnose through the collection of bodies when he's lined up inside. When his sightlines are clear, he plays fast and physical. He is a very good change-of-direction athlete and has some upside as a rusher off the edge. Everyone at LSU raves about his leadership and character. Overall, Cox grew on me the more I studied him. He can serve as a box safety, outside linebacker or in a multitude of roles via sub packages.

DROPPED OUT: Tutu Atwell, WR, Louisville (Previous rank: No. 36); Daviyon Nixon, DT, Iowa (No. 45); Aaron Robinson, CB, UCF (No. 48).

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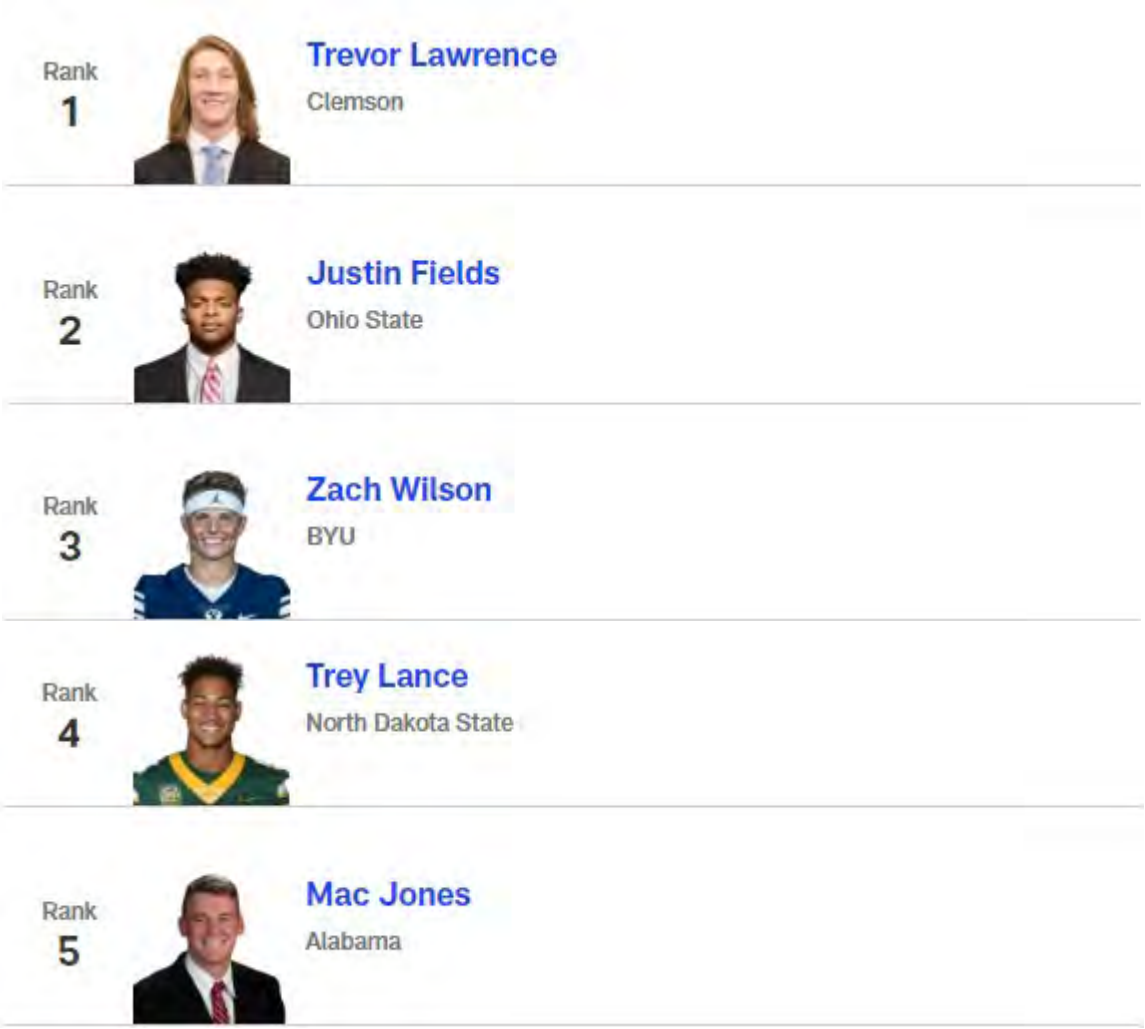
Quarterbacks



The 2021 QB class is loaded with intriguing options, and teams searching for QB1s will have to determine if they prefer to build around an athletic player or classic pocket passer. Lawrence is an exceptional talent with a combination of physical tools, intangibles and playmaking skills that would make him a candidate to be the No. 1 overall pick in any draft. He is best described as "Justin Herbert-plus," given that he has comparable traits to the 2020 Offensive Rookie of the Year, but brings more sizzle. Fields is a five-star talent with outstanding athleticism and playmaking ability. He had an up-and-down 2020 campaign, but he put up big numbers in some of Buckeyes' biggest games while looking like the best player on the field. Wilson is a natural passer with ridiculous arm talent and improvisational skills. He has the capacity to win a game of H-O-R-S-E with his off-platform throws -- and he also displays the poise and discipline to play a scripted game from the pocket. Lance is an unfinished product with the tools to explode as a playmaker at the next level. He has experience running a multi-faceted offense with traditional pro-style concepts and new-school tactics blended into the game plan. As an A-plus athlete with strong managerial skills, he could emerge as the best prospect in the class, provided he ends up in the right system. Jones has soared up the charts, with scouts falling in love with his intelligence, leadership skills and savvy. He is a limited athlete, but he can thrive as a joystick in an offense run by a video-gamer on the sideline.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Running Backs

Rank 1

Najee Harris

Alabama

Rank 2

Travis Etienne

Clemson

Rank 3

Javonte Williams

North Carolina

Rank 4

Michael Carter

North Carolina

Rank 5

Trey Sermon

Ohio State

This crop of running backs features a number of quality players with RB1 potential, and the depth of the class could prompt teams to wait until Day 2 or Day 3 to snag a hidden gem. Harris is big, but with the skills of a scat back. He has the size, strength and power to run through defenses as a between-the-tackles grinder, but he also displays the soft hands and receiving skills to be a legitimate weapon in the passing game. Etienne is a one-cut runner with exceptional speed, acceleration and burst. He has improved as a pass catcher, evolving into a big-play threat in the mold of Jamaal Charles and Chris Johnson. Williams is a freak show at running back, with a blend of finesse and power that keeps defenders on their toes. He picks and chooses when to run through or around defenders on the perimeter. With soft hands and polished route-running ability, he is the perfect combo back to occupy the RB1 role in most offenses. Carter put on a show at the Senior Bowl, flashing an all-around game that could make him an explosive weapon as a change-of-pace back. Sermon has big-time ability as a rugged back with soft hands. He can create big plays on the perimeter as a runner or receiver in an offense that showcases the running back in multiple ways.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Wide Receivers

Rank 1

Ja'Marr Chase
LSU

Rank 2

Jaylen Waddle
Alabama

Rank 3

DeVonta Smith
Alabama

Rank 4

Kadarius Toney
Florida

Rank 5
NR ▲

Rashod Bateman
Minnesota

The explosion of the aerial game at the lower levels of football has enabled rookie pass catchers to make an immediate impact in Year 1. The 2021 class is stacked with polished receivers who have route-running skills and big-play ability. Chase opted out the 2020 season, but his spectacular play during the Tigers' championship run in 2019 provided scouts with a glimpse of his WR1 potential. As a natural receiver with exceptional hands and ball skills, he consistently wins against one-on-one coverage on the perimeter and has the capacity to anchor a passing game as a lead receiver. Waddle is the best catch-and-run specialist in the class. He has a knack for turning short passes into long gains with his electric running skills and cat-like stop-start quickness. Smith plays the game like a seasoned vet, with his patience and superb timing complementing his savvy route-running skills. The Heisman Trophy winner is not the biggest or fastest receiver in the class, but he is always open, and his jaw-dropping production against elite competition bodes well for his pro potential. Toney has the speed and explosiveness that make scouts drool over his playmaking potential. He could thrive in the wing back role that has re-emerged in some offensive systems. Bateman is an enticing mix of A.J. Brown and Michael Thomas on the perimeter; he's a physical pass catcher with the capacity to play out wide or in the slot. He is a true No. 1 receiver, and his underrated game could pop at the next level.

Dropped out: Terrace Marshall Jr., LSU (previously No. 5)

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Tight Ends

Rank 1

Kyle Pitts

Florida

Rank 2

Pat Freiermuth

Penn State

Rank 3

Hunter Long

Boston College

Rank 4

Brevin Jordan

Miami

Rank 5

Tre' McKitty

Georgia

The tight end position offers the most opportunity to create a mismatch on the field in the 2020s, and this group features an intriguing mix of playmakers with games reminiscent of George Kittle and Travis Kelce. Pitts is the ultimate offensive weapon. The ultra-athletic pass-catcher is a wide receiver in a tight end's body, boasting an array of skills that make him a nightmare matchup for defenders on the perimeter. Freiermuth is a rock-solid tight end with a game that is about as complete as they come. He is an effective pass catcher with the potential to thrive as a chain mover, while also displaying strong blocking skills in the running game. Long is a classic "Y" tight end, with size, length and athleticism to thrive as an in-line blocker or pass catcher from the slot or out wide. He has a Kyle Rudolph-like flair that could intrigue teams looking for a throwback at the position. Jordan is an athletic pass catcher with a game that makes him an intriguing prospect as an H-back playmaker. McKitty has all of the physical tools coaches covet in a flex tight end. Despite his limited production, the Georgia product's combination of size, speed and athleticism will make him a hot commodity in scouting circles.

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Offensive Tackles

Rank 1

Penei Sewell

Oregon

Rank 2

Rashawn Slater

Northwestern

Rank 3

Christian Darrisaw

Virginia Tech

Rank 4

Jalen Mayfield

Michigan

Rank 5

NR ▲

Teven Jenkins

Oklahoma State

The 2021 offensive tackle class is packed with quality prospects who have plug-and-play potential. Sewell is the headliner, as a dancing bear with a powerful game and nimble feet. He is a natural left tackle with the athleticism and movement skills to snuff out elite pass rushers in pass protection and cut off edge defenders on perimeter runs. Slater is a five-star player with a nearly flawless technical game. He neutralizes pass rushers with his quick hands and superb footwork while displaying enough nastiness to finish off his run blocks with violence. Darrisaw plays the position like a bouncer at a nightclub. He bullies edge rushers with his physicality and finishes plays with a nastiness that will endear him to offensive line coaches around the league. Mayfield is a mauler/brawler at the point of attack. He mashes defenders in the running game while also displaying enough balance and body control to hold up in pass protection. Jenkins is climbing up the charts as evaluators begin to appreciate his aggressiveness at the line of scrimmage. He utilizes his combination of size, strength and explosiveness to throw defenders around on running plays while protecting quarterbacks like bodyguard. He doesn't mind escorting defenders out of the club, and his nastiness stands out on tape.

Dropped out: James Hudson, Cincinnati (previously No. 5)

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Interior Blockers

Rank 1

Alijah Vera-Tucker

USC

Rank 2

Wyatt Davis

Ohio State

Rank 3

Trey Smith

Tennessee

Rank 4

Creed Humphrey

Oklahoma

Rank 5

Landon Dickerson

Alabama

A rock-solid collection of interior blockers could lead to an early run on offensive guards and centers on draft weekend. Vera-Tucker is a swing player with the potential to man four spots on the offensive line. He shined at offensive tackle for the Trojans, but he could earn all-star accolades as an interior blocker at the next level if a team were to kick him inside. Davis is a people mover at the point of attack with the combination of size, strength and power to overwhelm defenders on inside runs. He is a quick-setter in pass protection with the balance and body control to anchor against power rushers. Smith is a steady player capable of playing a mauler or brawler style at the point of attack. He has the potential to thrive as an interior blocker in a power-based offense. Humphrey is a classic pivot with a scrappy game and the demeanor of a junkyard dog. He uses all the tricks of the trade to neutralize defensive tackles at the point of attack. Dickerson's late-season knee injury will ding his draft stock, but the team that eventually pulls the trigger could land a longtime starter with a refined game that enables him to shine early in his career.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Edge Defenders

Rank 1 (1 ▲)

Jaelan Phillips
Miami

Rank 2 (1 ▲)

Kwity Paye
Michigan

Rank 3 (2 ▼)

Gregory Rousseau
Miami

Rank 4

Carlos Basham Jr.
Wake Forest

Rank 5

Jayson Oweh
Penn State

Despite the lack of star power at the edge positions, there are several pass rushers with boom-or-bust potential who, if they land in the right spots, could emerge as double-digit sack masters early in their careers. Phillips shook up the scouting community with his exceptional pro-day performance. As a technician with outstanding hand skills, he mixes power with finesses to keep blockers off balance. Paye is a quick-twitch pass rusher with a non-stop motor and active hands. He doesn't play with heavy hands, but his activity and effort enable him to chalk up garbage sacks off the edge. Rousseau is a long, rangy pass rusher with natural instincts and skills. The Miami standout is still a work in progress, but his flashes will encourage teams to gamble on his upside as a disruptive edge defender. Basham is an athletic defender with twitch and explosiveness. He is capable of aligning at multiple spots to take advantage of a weak blocker with his first-step quickness and burst. Oweh is a freak athlete with a combination of physical tools that will make defensive coaches salivate at his upside and potential. He has the capacity to win with power or finesse, displaying an array of maneuvers that enable him to get home.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Defensive Tackles

Rank 1

Levi Onwuzurike
Washington

Rank 2

Christian Barmore
Alabama

Rank 3

Daviyon Nixon
Iowa

Rank 4

Osa Odighizuwa
UCLA

Rank 5

Jay Tufele
USC

A paucity of dominant interior defenders could prompt teams to overvalue flashers at the position during the evaluation process. Onwuzurike plays defensive tackle like Mr. Myagi, utilizing his extraordinary hand-to-hand combat skills to whip blockers at the point of attack. He combines his great hands with explosive athleticism and a non-stop motor to win against top competition. Barmore plays the game like a backyard bully, utilizing his size, strength and power to overwhelm blockers at the line of scrimmage. Although his motor runs a little hot and cold, the Alabama standout takes over games when he is motivated and inspired to bring his "A" game. Nixon is a war daddy at the line of scrimmage, with active hands and quick feet. He has a feel for shooting gaps, utilizing his strength and power to create space between blockers. Odighizuwa's first-step quickness and overall athleticism could make him a disruptive force in a one-gap defense. He is an upfield interior defender with a knack for slipping through cracks at the line of scrimmage. Tufele is a stout defender at the point with some pass-rush ability. He mixes power with finesse (arm-over) to disrupt plays as a playmaker at the point of attack.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

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Linebackers

Rank 1

Micah Parsons
Penn State

Rank 2

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah
Notre Dame

Rank 3

Nick Bolton
Missouri

Rank 4
NR ▲

Jamin Davis
Kentucky

Rank 5

Chazz Surratt
North Carolina

There are a handful of off-ball linebackers with speed, instincts and playmaking ability this year. Parsons might emerge as the best defensive player in the draft when it is all said and done. He is a freak athlete with explosive strength, power and speed. As an A+ blitz specialist with a nasty disposition, Parsons could play at a superstar level early in his career in the right system. Owusu-Koramoah is a dynamic run-and-chase playmaker with the speed, quickness and instincts to create splash plays all over the field. Teams looking for an active space player will target the Notre Dame standout for his potential to make an impact on the second level. Bolton was a tackling machine in the middle of the Mizzou defense. He plays with reckless abandon but never appears out of control when approaching ball carriers. Davis is shooting up the charts as more evaluators dig into his game. The instinctive playmaker has a knack for finding the ball, and his penchant for creating turnovers stands out on tape. Surratt is a newbie at the position, but his combination of speed, athleticism and explosiveness has helped him emerge as a difference-maker while learning on the job.

Dropped out: Jabril Cox, LSU (previously No. 4)

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

BUCKY BROOKS – NFL.com

Outside Linebackers

Rank 1

Zaven Collins

Tulsa

Rank 2

Azeez Ojulari

Georgia

Rank 3

Joseph Ossai

Texas

Rank 4

Chris Rumph II

Duke

Rank 5

Baron Browning

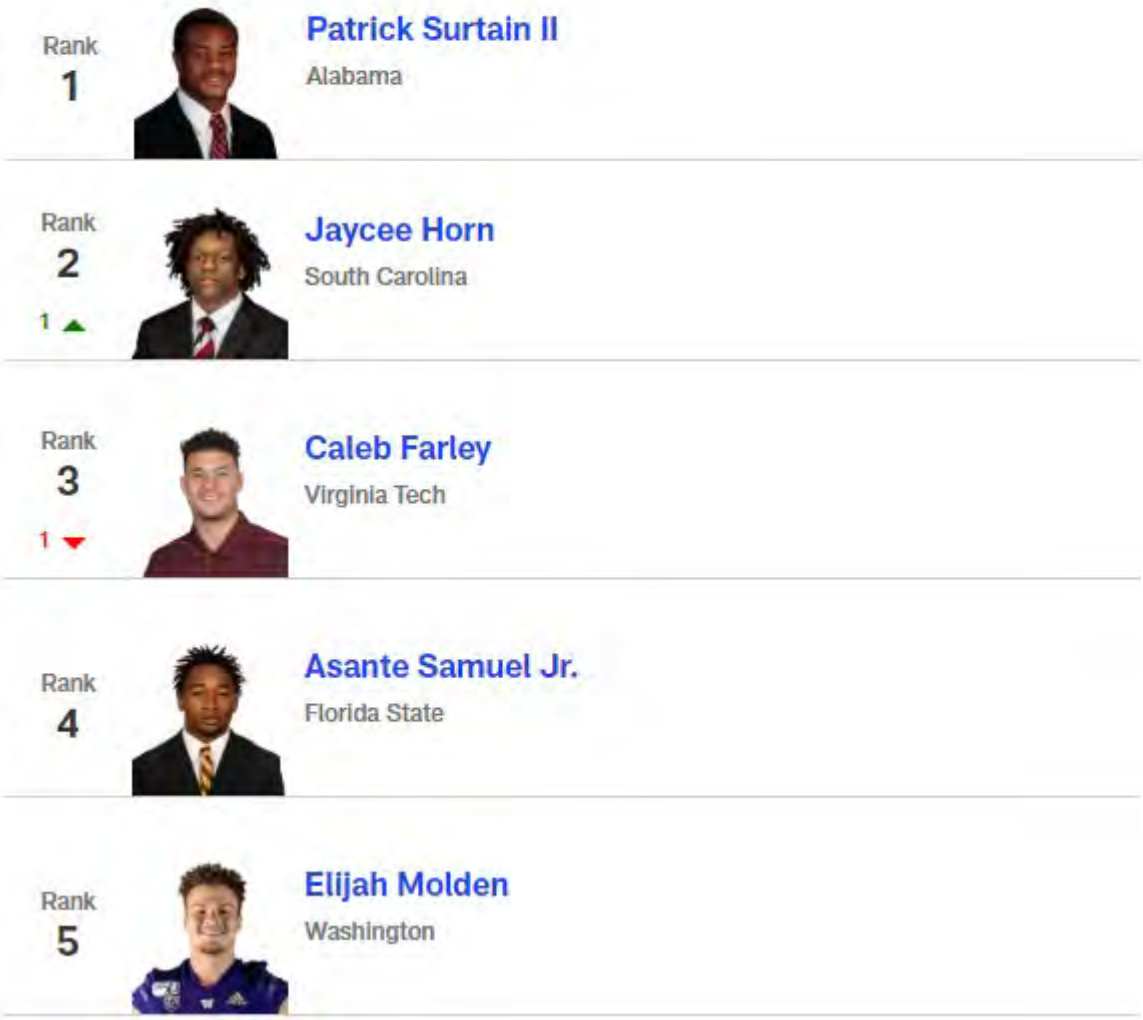
Ohio State

The NFL's gradual shift towards positionless football has blurred the lines when it comes to linebackers. The position is essentially split between on-ball and off-ball linebackers, due to the multiplicity of defenses and how defensive coaches deploy outside linebackers as pass rushers. Collins is a chameleon at the position as a versatile defender capable of aligning between the tackles as a box defender or on the edges as a blitzer/pass rusher. The Tulsa product expands the playbook with his versatility and playmaking skills as an inside/outside defender on the second level. Ojulari is a twitchy athlete with an explosive first step and dynamic pass-rush skills. He is ideally suited to attack as a pass rusher off the edges, but a creative defensive coordinator could view him as a pass-rushing SAM linebacker in a 3-4 or 4-3 scheme. Ossai is an ultra-athletic defender with outstanding speed, quickness and burst. He is a crafty pass rusher off the edge, but his physical dimensions might make him better suited to play as an off-ball linebacker at the next level. Rumph's length, athleticism and motor will entice evaluators looking for an edge rusher with the capacity to attack quarterbacks from a stand-up position or three-point stance. He is a work in progress, but his impressive physical tools could make him an intriguing developmental prospect. Browning's speed and athleticism could make him an ideal nickel linebacker in sub-packages.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

BUCKY BROOKS – NFL.com

Cornerbacks



The depth and talent of this year's collection of long, athletic and versatile corners will enable teams to find starters outside of Day 1. Surtain is a polished cover corner with rock-solid fundamentals and exceptional instincts. He plays the game like a savvy vet, and his overall consistency in coverage is a testament to his diligent work on the practice field and in the film room. Horn is an explosive athlete with the tools to evolve into a shutdown corner. He has the ability to neutralize opponents with an aggressive bump-and-run style that also mixes in some shadowboxing techniques at the line of scrimmage. He isn't a finished product, but his potential makes him an easy pick for teams looking for a premier cover corner. Farley is a big-bodied corner with outstanding instincts, awareness and ball skills, particularly in zone coverage. He is a solid tackler in space, and his physicality makes him an ideal fit in a Seahawks-style Cover 3 scheme. But his injury history -- and recent back surgery -- could affect his draft stock. Samuel's instincts and ballhawking skills could make him a dominant corner, particularly as a nickel defender in the slot. Molden is a versatile defender with the capacity to play in the slot or out wide. He is a high-IQ playmaker with the instincts, awareness and competitiveness to thrive in his role as a Swiss Army Knife in a multi-faceted defense.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS BY POSITION

BUCKY BROOKS – NFL.com

Safeties

Rank 1

Trevon Moehrig

TCU

Rank 2

Jevon Holland

Oregon

Rank 3

NR ▲

Jamar Johnson

Indiana

Rank 4

1 ▼

Caden Sterns

Texas

Rank 5

Hamsah Nasirildeen

Florida State

It's hard to find safeties with the ability to thrive in coverage and run support, but the upcoming draft will offer plenty of enticing options at free safety and strong safety. Moehrig is a dynamic safety with corner-like coverage skills. He capably matches up with slot receivers in space while also flashing outstanding range as a deep-half player. Most importantly, the TCU standout is an exceptional open-field tackler with an aggressive read-and-reaction approach that enables him to blow up WR screens at the line of scrimmage. Holland is an instinctive ballhawk with terrific instincts and awareness. He reads quarterbacks like a base stealer swiping a bag off of a slow-throwing pitcher, and his ability to produce turnovers is a game-changer in a league where contests are routinely decided by seven points or fewer. Although his size could be an issue in run support, the Oregon product could thrive as a deep-middle player in a single-high defense. Johnson is a fast riser with outstanding instincts and thump ability. He is an active playmaker near the line of scrimmage but also displays solid skills in coverage. Sterns is an athletic safety with range, ball skills and instincts. Although his play dipped following an impressive freshman season, he possesses a nice set of tools for the position. Nasirildeen is a big, athletic box safety with a physical game. He specializes in plugging holes in run support, but also displays solid instincts, awareness and ball skills in coverage.

Dropped out: Andre Cisco, Syracuse (previously No. 4)

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

Last updated: April 13, 2021

1 TREVOR LAWRENCE
QUARTERBACK CLEMSON

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 220

SHADES OF: FABIO-COIFFED JOHN ELWAY

SMOOTH, ATHLETIC SIGNAL-CALLER who throws with accuracy and plays with a polished, natural feel for the position.

- Pinpoint Accuracy
- Smooth Footwork
- Refined Technique
- Elite Athleticism

Read the full scouting report.

2 JUSTIN FIELDS
QUARTERBACK OHIO STATE

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 228

SHADES OF: SOUPED-UP DAK PRESCOTT

RUGGED, EFFICIENT PASSER with a big arm, pinpoint ball placement, and the elusiveness to stress defenses on the ground.

- Pinpoint Accuracy
- Arm Strength
- Infinite Upside

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

3 JA'MARR CHASE
WIDE RECEIVER LSU

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 200

SHADES OF: DAVANTE ADAMS

PHYSICALLY DOMINANT CATCH-POINT BULLY who plays angry on every snap. A savvy route runner who separates late in his routes, can make plays at all three levels of the field, and is a load to bring down after the catch.

- Instinctual Playmaking
- Sure Hands
- Short-Area Quickness

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

4 KYLE PITTS
TIGHT END FLORIDA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 239

SHADES OF:
DARREN WALLER, MICHAEL PHELPS

ATHLETIC, VERSATILE JOKER TIGHT END who can line up all over the formation; he wins at the catch point with elite body control, strong hands, and rare length.

- Infinite Upside
- Rare Versatility
- Sure Hands
- Refined Technique

Read the full scouting report.

5 DEVONTA SMITH
WIDE RECEIVER ALABAMA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 175

SHADES OF:
EVEN SLIMMER CALVIN RIDLEY, APOLO OHNO

SLENDER, LONG-LIMBED PASS CATCHER with incredible ball skills and natural playmaking talent—but a worrying lack of bulk.

- Instinctual Playmaking
- Sure Hands
- Short-Area Quickness
- Refined Technique

Read the full scouting report.

6 ZACH WILSON
QUARTERBACK BYU

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 209

SHADES OF:
BAKER MAYFIELD, HENRY ROWENGARTNER

CONFIDENT, AGGRESSIVE PASSER who throws with touch, ball placement, and style. He toggles between over-the-shoulder and sidearm releases and thrives in out-of-structure sandlot situations.

- Pinpoint Accuracy
- Instinctual Playmaking
- Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

7 PENEI SEWELL
TACKLE OREGON

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 325

SHADES OF: JEDRICK WILLS JR.

BIG, PHYSICAL TRENCH DOMINATOR; a plug-and-play left tackle who excels both as a pass protector and as a run blocker.

- Bulldozer Power
- Refined Technique
- Smooth Footwork
- Pro-Ready Frame

Read the full scouting report.

8 RASHAWN SLATER
TACKLE NORTHWESTERN

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 305

SHADES OF: ZACK MARTIN

WELL-BUILT, ATHLETIC LEFT TACKLE who's a technician as a pass blocker, dependable as a run blocker, and capable of manning multiple spots on the line.

- Smooth Footwork
- Refined Technique
- Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

9 JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH
LINEBACKER NOTRE DAME

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 215

SHADES OF: JAMAL ADAMS

EXTRAORDINARILY EXPLOSIVE HYBRID DEFENDER with a versatile skill set; can cover, blitz, and tackle from wherever he lines up on the field.

- Field-Tilting Speed
- Elite Athleticism
- Relentless Motor
- Instinctual Playmaking

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

10 TREY LANCE
QUARTERBACK NORTH DAKOTA STATE

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 225

SHADES OF: MINI JOSH ALLEN

BIG, DYNAMIC SIGNAL-CALLER who throws with accuracy and beats defenses with his legs—but has just one season of starting experience at the FCS level.

Elite Athleticism
Arm Strength
Infinite Upside

State Farm

Read the full scouting report.

11 MICAH PARSONS
LINEBACKER PENN STATE

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 245

SHADES OF: JAYLON SMITH

LONG, ATHLETIC, AND VERSATILE OFF-BALL LINEBACKER with pass-rushing chops; a three-down player who can fill multiple roles on a defense.

Elite Athleticism
Rare Versatility
Instinctual Playmaking
Infinite Upside

State Farm

Read the full scouting report.

12 JAYLEN WADDLE
WIDE RECEIVER ALABAMA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 182

SHADES OF: T.Y. HILTON

BIG-PLAY PASS-CATCHER with drag racer acceleration and toughness at the catch point; dangerous as a return man.

Elite Athleticism
Field-Tilting Speed
Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

13 PATRICK SURTAIN II
DEFENSIVE BACK ALABAMA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 202

SHADES OF: BYRON JONES

STINGY, DISCIPLINED CORNERBACK with rare length, good ball skills, and a competitive nature.

- Smooth Footwork
- Coverage Chops
- Refined Technique

Read the full scouting report.

14 JAYCEE HORN
DEFENSIVE BACK SOUTH CAROLINA

YEAR SOPHOMORE
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 200

SHADES OF: WILLIAM JACKSON III

AGGRESSIVE AND PHYSICAL COVER CORNER with fluidity in coverage and excellent ball skills.

- Short-Area Quickness
- Coverage Chops
- Pro-Ready Frame

Read the full scouting report.

15 AZEEZ OJULARI
EDGE RUSHER GEORGIA

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 240

SHADES OF: SHAQUIL BARRETT

EXPLOSIVE EDGE RUSHER with a quick first step and bendy agility; brings versatility to play in multiple schemes.

- Pass-Rush Talent
- Short-Area Quickness
- Relentless Motor

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

16 JAELAN PHILLIPS
EDGE RUSHER MIAMI

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 266

SHADES OF:
CHANDLER JONES

BIG, ATHLETIC, AND VERSATILE PASS RUSHER with tantalizing traits and upside.

Pro-Ready Frame

Pass-Rush Talent

Infinite Upside

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

17 CALEB FARLEY
DEFENSIVE BACK VIRGINIA TECH

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 207

SHADES OF:
C.J. HENDERSON

LONG, PLAYMAKING CORNERBACK with quick feet, fluid athleticism, and excellent ball skills.

Pro-Ready Frame

Coverage Chops

Elite Athleticism

Read the full scouting report.

18 KWITY PAYE
EDGE RUSHER MICHIGAN

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 272

SHADES OF:
EVERSON GRIFFEN

BIG, POWERFUL EDGE RUSHER with a twitchy get-off, strong hands, and a nonstop motor; a strong run defender with scintillating pass-rush tools.

Elite Athleticism

Short-Area Quickness

Pass-Rush Talent

Infinite Upside

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

19 CHRISTIAN DARRISAW
TACKLE VIRGINIA TECH

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 314

SHADES OF: DUANE BROWN

BURLY, ATHLETIC LEFT TACKLE with nimble feet, good length, and consistent technique.

- Pro-Ready Frame
- Smooth Footwork
- Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

20 NAJEE HARRIS
RUNNING BACK ALABAMA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 230

SHADES OF: STEVEN JACKSON

POWERFUL, OLD-SCHOOL RUNNER with quick feet, sudden jukes, and a talent for making defenders miss; a natural playmaker in the passing game.

- Bulldozer Power
- Sure Hands
- Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

21 TRAVIS ETIENNE
RUNNING BACK CLEMSON

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 205

SHADES OF: DARREN MCFADDEN

BIG-PLAY TOUCHDOWN-MAKER with rare burst and elusiveness in the open field; brings utility in the passing game.

- Elite Athleticism
- Field-Tilting Speed
- Instinctual Playmaking

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

22 RASHOD BATEMAN
WIDE RECEIVER MINNESOTA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 210

SHADES OF: MICHAEL THOMAS

BIG, CRAFTY PASS-CATCHER with quick feet and top-tier body control; a technician off the line who's both fearless over the middle and dangerous down the sideline.

Pro-Ready Frame

Sure Hands

Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

23 ALIJAH VERA-TUCKER
TACKLE USC

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 315

SHADES OF: ISAIAH WYNN

SMOOTH, VERSATILE OFFENSIVE LINEMAN with nimble feet, excellent balance, and strong hands; could play on the blind side or at guard.

Smooth Footwork

Refined Technique

Rare Versatility

Read the full scouting report.

24 JAYSON OWEH
EDGE RUSHER PENN STATE

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 255

SHADES OF: DANIELLE HUNTER

EXPLOSIVE PASS RUSHER with elite physical traits and unrivaled upside, but uneven sack production.

Elite Athleticism

Pass-Rush Talent

Pro-Ready Frame

Infinite Upside

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

25 **MAC JONES**
QUARTERBACK ALABAMA

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 214

SHADES OF:
MATT RYAN

EFFICIENT, QUICK-PROCESSING POCKET PASSER who throws with accuracy and touch but lacks top-tier physical traits.

- Pinpoint Accuracy
- Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

26 **CHRISTIAN BARMORE**
INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN ALABAMA

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 310

SHADES OF:
QUINNEN WILLIAMS

MASSIVE, DYNAMIC DEFENSIVE LINEMAN with strong hands and quick feet; he's slippery and disruptive as a pass rusher but has just one season of starting experience.

- Pro-Ready Frame
- Bulldozer Power
- Short-Area Quickness
- Pass-Rush Talent

Read the full scouting report.

27 **ZAVEN COLLINS**
LINEBACKER TULSA

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 260

SHADES OF:
TREMAINE EDMUNDS

ATHLETIC LINEBACKER with old-school size and a new-school skill set; a dynamic run defender, coverage man, and pass rusher who can wear several different hats for a defense.

- Short-Area Quickness
- Rare Versatility
- Coverage Chops

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

28 TEVEN JENKINS
TACKLE OKLAHOMA STATE

YEAR RS SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 310

SHADES OF: ROB HAVENSTEIN

BIG, POWERFUL RIGHT TACKLE who plays with a finisher's mentality and offers versatility to play multiple spots on the line.

- Bulldozer Power
- Relentless Motor
- Rare Versatility

Read the full scouting report.

29 GREGORY ROUSSEAU
EDGE RUSHER MIAMI

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'7"
WEIGHT 265

SHADES OF: MONTEZ SWEAT

TALL, ATHLETIC EDGE DEFENDER with rare length and tremendous closing speed; still raw in his techniques but boasts limitless upside.

- Pro-Ready Frame
- Pass-Rush Talent
- Infinite Upside

State Farm

Read the full scouting report.

30 CARLOS BASHAM JR.
EDGE RUSHER WAKE FOREST

YEAR RS SENIOR
AGE 23

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 285

SHADES OF: ADRIAN CLAYBORN

BIG, BURLY EDGE DEFENDER who's tenacious against the run and consistently creates disruption against the pass; could play multiple spots on the defensive line.

- Pass-Rush Talent
- Pro-Ready Frame
- Elite Athleticism
- Relentless Motor

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

31 TREVON MOEHRIG
SAFETY TCU

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 209

SHADES OF: JEREMY CHINN

PHENOMENALLY VERSATILE DEFENSIVE BACK with a scintillating blend of length, instincts, and ball skills.

Instinctual Playmaking — StateFarm
Coverage Chops
Rare Versatility

Read the full scouting report.

32 ELIJAH MOORE
WIDE RECEIVER OLE MISS

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 5'9"
WEIGHT 185

SHADES OF: MARK CLAYTON

TWITCHY, VERSATILE PASS CATCHER who lacks size but plays big; he runs sharp routes, catches everything, and makes hay at all three levels.

Sure Hands
Short-Area Quickness
Instinctual Playmaking — StateFarm
Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

33 JAVONTE WILLIAMS
RUNNING BACK NORTH CAROLINA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 220

SHADES OF: JOSH JACOBS MEETS BEAST MODE

PHYSICAL, TACKLE-BREAKING RUNNING BACK with innate burst and balance; bring the whole team when you're trying to take this guy down.

Short-Area Quickness
Instinctual Playmaking — StateFarm
Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

34 LEVI ONWUZURIKE
INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
WASHINGTON

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 293

SHADES OF: LEONARD WILLIAMS

STOUT, VERSATILE DEFENSIVE LINEMAN with an intriguing combination of length, first-step burst, and block-shedding power.

- Bulldozer Power
- Relentless Motor
- Pass-Rush Talent
- Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

35 GREG NEWSOME II
DEFENSIVE BACK NORTHWESTERN

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 190

SHADES OF: MARCUS PETERS

LONG, PLAYMAKING CORNERBACK with balance, ball skills, and instincts in coverage.

- Instinctual Playmaking (State Farm)
- Coverage Chops
- Refined Technique

Read the full scouting report.

36 TERRACE MARSHALL JR.
WIDE RECEIVER LSU

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 200

SHADES OF: DEVANTE PARKER

LONG, SILKY-SMOOTH PASS CATCHER with both the speed to get behind a defense and the physicality and body control to dominate in the red zone.

- Instinctual Playmaking (State Farm)
- Smooth Footwork
- Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

37 LANDON DICKERSON
CENTER ALABAMA

YEAR RS SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 344

SHADES OF: DALTON RISNER

BIG, BARREL-CHESTED INTERIOR LINEMAN who plays with ballast and power—but has struggled to stay healthy.

- Bulldozer Power
- Rare Versatility
- Relentless Motor

Read the full scouting report.

38 RONDALE MOORE
WIDE RECEIVER PURDUE

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20

HEIGHT 5'9"
WEIGHT 180

SHADES OF: GOLDEN TATE, NATE ROBINSON

SOUPED-UP PASS CATCHER whose rare athleticism and playmaking talent belies his diminutive size.

- Elite Athleticism
- Field-Tilting Speed
- Short-Area Quickness
- Instinctual Playmaking

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

39 JOE TRYON
EDGE RUSHER WASHINGTON

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 252

SHADES OF: PATRICK KERNEY

TENACIOUS AND POWERFUL PASS RUSHER with length, versatility, and a nonstop motor.

- Pro-Ready Frame
- Pass-Rush Talent
- Bulldozer Power
- Relentless Motor

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

40 CREED HUMPHREY
CENTER OKLAHOMA

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE

HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 312

SHADES OF: MAX UNGER

RELIABLE, EXPERIENCED CENTER who plays with strong hands, quick feet, and excellent flexibility.

Smooth Footwork

Refined Technique

Read the full scouting report.

41 ALEX LEATHERWOOD
TACKLE ALABAMA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 312

SHADES OF: CAM ROBINSON

RUGGED, BATTLE-HARDENED OFFENSIVE LINEMAN with ideal size, excellent power, and positional versatility.

Pro-Ready Frame

Refined Technique

Bulldozer Power

Read the full scouting report.

42 LIAM EICHENBERG
TACKLE NOTRE DAME

YEAR RS SENIOR
AGE 23

HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 300

SHADES OF: RILEY REIFF

TOUGH, NO-NONSENSE TACKLE with an appealing combination of length, strength, and consistency as a blocker.

Pro-Ready Frame

Refined Technique

Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

43 NICK BOLTON
LINEBACKER MISSOURI

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'0"
WEIGHT 232

SHADES OF: DEVIN BUSH

TONE-SETTING OFF-BALL LINEBACKER who hits like a ton of bricks; rangy in coverage and aggressive against the run.

- Short-Area Quickness
- Instinctual Playmaking
- Coverage Chops
- Relentless Motor

Read the full scouting report.

44 KADARIUS TONEY
WIDE RECEIVER FLORIDA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 189

SHADES OF: PERCY HARVIN, NIGHTCRAWLER

SUDDEN, ASCENDING PLAYMAKER with a hybrid skill set; can take the top off a defense as a receiver or create big plays from the backfield.

- Elite Athleticism
- Short-Area Quickness
- Instinctual Playmaking
- Rare Versatility

Read the full scouting report.

45 DAVIYON NIXON
INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN IOWA

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 306

SHADES OF: MARLON DAVIDSON

BIG BOWLING BALL OF A DEFENSIVE LINEMAN with a powerful first step and natural agility; a disruptor from the interior.

- Bulldozer Power
- Pass-Rush Talent
- Short-Area Quickness

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

46 AARON ROBINSON
DEFENSIVE BACK UCF

YEAR RS SENIOR
AGE 23

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 193

SHADES OF: DJ HAYDEN

LONG, PHYSICAL SLOT CORNER who's sticky in coverage, plays with anticipation, and tackles well.

- Coverage Chops
- Instinctual Playmaking

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

47 MICHAEL CARTER
RUNNING BACK NORTH CAROLINA

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 21

HEIGHT 5'10"
WEIGHT 201

SHADES OF: LEON WASHINGTON

COMPACT, EXPLOSIVE RUNNER with lightning-quick feet, good balance, and versatility in the passing game.

- Short-Area Quickness
- Instinctual Playmaking

StateFarm

Read the full scouting report.

48 TYSON CAMPBELL
DEFENSIVE BACK GEORGIA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 20

HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 185

SHADES OF: MARLON HUMPHREY

SOUPED-UP CORNERBACK with scintillating traits; boasts top-end speed, agility, and length.

- Elite Athleticism
- Pro-Ready Frame
- Coverage Chops
- Smooth Footwork

Read the full scouting report.

2021 PLAYER RANKINGS

DANNY KELLY – THE RINGER

49 ERIC STOKES
DEFENSIVE BACK GEORGIA

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22

HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 185

SHADES OF:
A.J. TERRELL

LONG, HYPERATHLETIC CORNER with good ball skills and sticky coverage chops.

- Elite Athleticism
- Field-Tilting Speed
- Instinctual Playmaking
- Coverage Chops

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50 WYATT DAVIS
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Ravens Draft Preview: Why A Highly Rated ILB, Blocking TE And Versatile RB Could Be Surprise Picks

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At some point during their predraft news conference Monday, Ravens general manager Eric DeCosta or coach John Harbaugh will probably get a question about the team's needs, and they'll probably offer some version of the company line, something about how what they need are talented players and hard workers, whether they find them in the first round or with the last pick of the NFL draft.

Of course, some needs are more needy than others. The Ravens already have a quarterback. A wide receiver group of the same caliber? Not so much. The offensive line has Pro Bowl tackles but a question mark at center. There is a big hole at edge rusher and smaller concerns at safety and defensive line.

As the draft approaches over the next two weeks, The Baltimore Sun will examine potential prospects at areas of need. But if the Ravens take the best player available in the early or middle rounds, they could find good value there, too. Here are five prospects the front office could target — and why they might be surprisingly good fits.

Inside linebacker

Patrick Queen's plus-size sidekick: Tulsa's Zaven Collins

The Ravens took Queen in the first round a year ago. They re-signed fellow starter L.J. Fort this month. They're well stocked with young up-and-comers, including 2019 third-round pick Malik Harrison. Ignoring their deficiencies on defense to take another inside linebacker in the first round would be bold.

Unless, maybe, Collins is still on the board. If Queen is lightning, the 6-foot-5, 259-pound Collins is rolling thunder, another freakish force that can hit from anywhere. In just eight games last season, he had four interceptions, returning two for touchdowns. In just 51 pass-rush snaps, he had four sacks. While Collins has said he feels most comfortable as an off-ball linebacker, his size and jack-of-all-trades skill set would make him a fascinating chess piece in a defense as creative as Don "Wink" Martindale's.

Tulsa defensive coordinator Joseph Gillespie told the Tulsa World in November that NFL teams had already begun to ask what kind of player Collins was. "Honestly, my response has started becoming, 'What is he not?' " Gillespie said. "We've done so many things with him. … He just continues to progress and produce and flourish."

Projection: Round 1

Honorable mention: North Carolina ILB Chazz Surratt (Round 3-4). A converted quarterback who's played only two seasons on defense, he shows the athleticism and inexperience of a boom-or-bust prospect.

Offensive tackle

The just-wait-till-next-year pupil: Cincinnati's James Hudson

Outside of quarterback Lamar Jackson, maybe no player will dictate the Ravens' roster management over the next year more than Orlando Brown Jr. Barring a change of heart from the Pro Bowl right tackle, DeCosta will have to find a replacement by either Week 1 of 2021 or Week 1 of 2022. There are few promising in-house options; the Ravens' depth falls off considerably after their starting tackles: Andre Smith? Tyre Phillips?

If the Ravens can afford to take on a more developmental prospect next season, the 6-5, 313-pound Hudson might prove worth the wait. A two-way player in high school, he started his career as a highly touted defensive end at Michigan. Hudson moved back to left tackle in 2018, sat out all but one 2019 game after transferring to Cincinnati, then took over as the Bearcats' starting left tackle last season.

The markers of inexperience are there: inconsistent technique, overeagerness in pass protection and a dud of a bowl game against Georgia, from which he was ejected for a targeting penalty. But Hudson moves well, has big hands, and pairs a bully mentality with good power. While his below-average arm length might limit his long-term potential, he still has starter-caliber traits.

Projection: Round 2-3

Honorable mention: Northern Iowa OT Spencer Brown (Round 2-3). A postponed 2020 season kept him from the field, but his imposing 6-8 frame and surprising agility should be enough for teams to overlook his footwork and leverage issues.

Tight end

A souped-up, slimmed-down Patrick Ricard: Notre Dame's Tommy Tremble

DeCosta said in January that the Ravens are a "tight end-centric offense," but they could enter training camp with only one fully healthy contributor in Mark Andrews, plus a hybrid in Ricard. If coordinator Greg Roman's ideal offense is still more smashmouth than spread, it makes sense to invest in the position. Nick Boyle's recovering from a season-ending knee injury, and Ricard could hit the open market next year as a three-time Pro Bowl selection.

At 6-3 and 241 pounds, Tremble does not have Boyle's size or Ricard's intimidation factor. But Tremble's speed (4.59-second 40-yard dash) and open-field blocking ability could make the Ravens' running game even more of a headache. Oftentimes, Roman will have Boyle or Ricard go in motion before the snap, then take on an edge rusher or clear space out wide. Tremble gets there in a hurry. With the tension that Jackson's speed creates for defenses, a block executed a split-second faster could mean the difference between a 5-yard gain and 50-yard gain.

And if Tremble can become the kind of powerful blocker that he was at Notre Dame, he'll find ample receiving opportunities in the NFL. Ricard had 10 catches over the Ravens' final six games last season, largely on uncovered routes to the flat. Tremble can not only run those patterns but also get vertical as an in-line tight end, adding another dimension to any offense's play-action looks.

Projection: Round 3-4

Honorable mention: Boston College TE Hunter Long (Round 3-4). A well-rounded receiver and blocker with good size (6-5, 254 pounds), he led Football Bowl Subdivision tight ends in catches (57) and receiving yards (685) last season.

Running back

A ready-made third-down back: Memphis' Kenneth Gainwell

J.K. Dobbins led all NFL running backs in yards per carry in 2020, Gus Edwards continued his ultra-efficient production, and Justice Hill emerged as a special teams contributor after early-season injuries. So the last thing the Ravens need is another running back, right? On paper, sure. But in explaining the team's selection of Dobbins last offseason, DeCosta pointed to the position's injury-prone nature. And now Mark Ingram II is elsewhere, leaving one less body.

If the Ravens want to add a potential third-string running back, it would make sense to draft someone whose skill set complements Dobbins and Edwards'. Gainwell's receiving ability would be a welcome addition. In 2019, he lined up in the backfield, the slot and out wide and had 51 catches for 610 yards and three touchdowns in Memphis' spread attack. According to Pro Football Focus, he has only three drops on 60 career catchable targets. (Gainwell opted out of the 2020 season.)

As a runner, he averaged 6.3 yards per carry in 2019, showing elusiveness and toughness after contact. Despite weighing in at 201 pounds at his Pro Day, the 5-11 Gainwell is considered a willing and sound blocker, which should only help his case as a third-down back. And with only one season of significant experience, there's room to grow.

Projection: Round 3-4

Honorable mention: Oklahoma RB Rhamondre Stevenson (Round 4-5). After forcing 36 missed tackles on just 101 rushing attempts last season, the 5-11, 228-pound bowling ball could be a potential Edwards replacement.

Cornerback

The emergency nickelback: Central Florida's Aaron Robinson

The Ravens enter 2021 with one of the NFL's deepest cornerback rooms. By 2022, though, the turnover at the position could be staggering. Jimmy Smith is on a one-year deal. Tavon Young is injury-prone and, if released next offseason, wouldn't have a huge dead-money charge. Anthony Averett's entering the final year of his rookie deal. Iman Marshall has played in three games in two years.

Marlon Humphrey and Marcus Peters give the Ravens two strong outside cornerbacks through at least 2022, but there's good reason to look for another nickelback. At 5-11, 186 pounds, Robinson has the size and quickness to play inside or outside, and his experience is well suited to the Ravens' aggressive style. He played over 40% of his snaps in press coverage over the past two years, according to PFF, most of which were in the slot.

Robinson was vastly improved as a tackler last season, and his effort in the Knights' run defense was an asset. His ball skills (three interceptions over three seasons), instincts in zone coverage and lack of top-end speed are considered his biggest limitations.

Projection: Round 3-4

Honorable mention: LSU CB Kary Vincent Jr (Round 4-5). He showed his blazing speed at the Tigers' Pro Day, but opting out of the 2020 season robbed him of a year of development in the slot.

Ranking The Ravens' Top Five Draft Priorities: Edge Rusher, Offensive Lineman Or Wide Receiver? | Analysis

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The Ravens have serious work to do in the NFL draft.

They need to fine-tune a roster that's expected to carry them to the playoffs for a fourth consecutive season. They also need to fortify against the inevitable talent drain that will go hand-in-hand with the hefty extensions they offer to young stars, most notably quarterback Lamar Jackson. We saw the beginning of this exodus last month when they made little effort to retain free-agent outside linebackers Matthew Judon and Yannick Ngakoue. The Ravens can't afford to keep everyone, so they must backfill with cheaper players from the draft.

They made significant progress in that direction last year, when each of the six players they drafted in the first three rounds made immediate contributions. With just one pick in each of the first three rounds this year, they'll have less ammunition to make improvements. So they'll have to be that much more precise in nailing the right combinations of player and need.

We know general manager Eric DeCosta has always preached "best player available." With so much activity set to unfold before the Ravens pick at No. 27 overall, we can't say with any certainty they'll pick a wide receiver over an edge rusher or a future starting tackle over either one. We can, however, rank their needs going into the draft, with an eye on the depth of talent at each spot.

Edge rusher

We've seen Don "Wink" Martindale coordinate excellent pass defenses without help from a double-digit sack producer. The Ravens have deliberately built around their secondary and eschewed investing free-agent dollars or high draft picks on pass rushers. That said, DeCosta did trade a third-round pick for Ngakoue. The deal didn't pay off, but it hinted at the front office's belief that an edge rusher might put the Ravens over the top.

Six months later, with Judon and Ngakoue employed in other NFL cities, the Ravens are desperately short on established outside linebackers. They brought back Tyus Bowser, who's more valuable for his versatility than his pass-rushing production, and Pernell McPhee, who's better as an edge setter than a quarterback hunter. They could use fresh legs at one of the league's premium positions.

If mock drafts are correct, the Ravens will have their chance to draft a gifted edge defender at the end of the first round. Might that be Azeez Ojulari, who produced as a pass rusher at Georgia despite his small frame? Or Jaelan Phillips, who looks the part and had a great 2020 season at Miami after an injury-hampered start to his college career? Or Zaven Collins of Tulsa, who projects as more of a versatile player in the mold of Judon or Bowser?

We know the Ravens need a player at this position, and the appealing options will thin out more quickly than at offensive line or wide receiver (though players such as Joseph Ossai of Texas or Patrick Jones II of Pittsburgh might appeal outside the first round).

Wide receiver

We don't need another recitation of the Ravens' struggles at this glamour position. Suffice it to say they could use a pass catcher other than Marquise Brown and Mark Andrews to open up the field for Jackson. They made progress in this direction by signing veteran Sammy Watkins, whose versatility and familiarity with offensive coordinator Greg Roman will play well. Watkins has not been a downfield threat or a durable starter in recent seasons, however, so the Ravens still need to look for a long-term solution in the draft. This might be their only avenue given the difficulty of attracting a star free agent to the league's least prolific passing offense.

Again, mock drafts suggest the Ravens will have their chance to add an outside-the-numbers threat in round one. Rashod Bateman of Minnesota and Terrace Marshall Jr. of LSU are the players most often linked to them, with Marshall's size, speed and big-play pedigree making him a "no-brainer" for the Ravens in the opinion of ESPN analyst Todd McShay. Other scouts question Marshall's ability to get open and prefer Bateman's more polished route running.

Would either player represent optimal value for the Ravens in a draft loaded with intriguing wide receivers (think Dyami Brown of North Carolina or 6-foot-4 Nico Collins of Michigan) who will be available on Day Two?

Offensive line

If the Ravens trade Orlando Brown Jr., this need would leapfrog to the top of the list. Even if Brown is penciled into the 2021 lineup, this is where the Ravens faltered most notably in their playoff loss to the Buffalo Bills. They would benefit from finding Brown's replacement a year early and perhaps starting that player at guard (shades of Jonathan Ogden).

The Ravens took an important step by signing veteran guard Kevin Zeitler, the dependable blocker they lacked on the right side in 2020. They seem comfortable trying Bradley Bozeman at center, where his size and consistency would fit their profile for the position. Even so, they seem a lineman short, especially when we think ahead to 2022.

This draft is stacked with tackles and interior blockers who could contribute right away. Whether you like a powerhouse right tackle prospect such as Teven Jenkins of Oklahoma State or a monstrous guard/center candidate such as Landon Dickerson of Alabama, the Ravens will have appealing options in the first round. If they look elsewhere, they'll have more chances to draft a potential starter on Day Two. We know they'll draft at least one offensive lineman; the questions are how high and at which position?

Safety

The prospect of a big-play threat on the back end will always hold allure for the franchise that featured Ed Reed, but we're talking more luxury than must-have.

Starting safeties Chuck Clark and DeShon Elliott held up well enough in 2020. Clark might not blow us away in any one area, but he's above average in coverage and dependable as a defensive signal caller if the Ravens need him in that role. Elliott stepped in for Earl Thomas III and brought hard-hitting swagger as a run defender. Would the Ravens like more than one combined interception from a pair of safeties who hardly left the field? Sure, but their lack of turnover production is mitigated by the interceptions and forced fumbles accumulated by cornerbacks Marlon Humphrey and Marcus Peters.

Trevon Moehrig of TCU or Richie Grant of UCF might catch DeCosta's eye as potential ballhawks, but it's not clear either would be the best value available at No. 27. The Ravens would be fine if they come out with a developmental safety prospect on Day Three.

Defensive line

Again, this would be a luxury for a team that just added Justin Madubuike to a crew of quality veterans. We know the Ravens love drafting defensive linemen, and they're perhaps a year or two away from needing a younger core to step in for Brandon Williams, Calais Campbell and Derek Wolfe. Given these truths, we can't rule out a Day One or Day Two pick at the position.

The player who'd really make the Ravens think is Christian Barmore, who dominated in his one season as a starter at Alabama and could develop into a rare interior pass rusher. Would Barmore's upside be enough to steer DeCosta away from prospects who'd probably play more snaps in 2021? He'd at least be worth the discussion on draft night.

As Pro Days Wind Down, Potential Ravens Prospects Rise And Fall

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In a predraft process without the laser-timed certainty of the NFL scouting combine, Pro Days got a lot more interesting this past month. Partly because they got faster.

With players getting unofficial times in events like the 40-yard dash, every big-name Pro Day seemed to produce a prospect (or three) with absurd measurables. Look at the Ravens' big board, and you'll probably find blazing-fast wide receivers, explosive edge rushers and well-built offensive linemen.

As Pro Days wrap up this week, here are nine prospects at positions of need who helped their stock with strong performances — and three who might've slipped.

Rising

Mississippi WR Elijah Moore

Moore broke Tennessee Titans star A.J. Brown's school record for receptions (86 for 1,193 yards and eight touchdowns) in just eight games last season. Then he showed he deserves Day 1 consideration with his eye-catching speed and quickness. At 5 feet 9 and 178 pounds, he ranked in the 90th percentile or better among wide receivers in the 40-yard dash (4.35 seconds), 20-yard shuttle and three-cone drill.

Moore's stock has soared in recent months, and he almost certainly won't be available in the third round. Despite his smaller stature, which will likely keep him from an outside-receiver role early on, he could be a dark-horse option late in the first round.

LSU WR Terrace Marshall Jr.

Ja'Marr Chase was the headlining wide receiver at the Tigers' Pro Day, but Marshall might have stamped his ticket to the first round. He ran a 4.38-second 40-yard dash, matching Chase's time and showing he has the speed to stretch NFL defenses. Last season at LSU, Marshall spent most of his time as a big slot receiver, using his 6-foot-2, 205-pound frame to catch 48 passes for 731 yards and 10 touchdowns in seven games.

Marshall has been linked to the Titans at No. 22 and the Ravens at No. 27, but other projections have him going as late as the end of the second round.

Michigan WR Nico Collins

After opting out of last season, Collins helped his draft stock with a Pro Day reminiscent of Miles Boykin's 2019 NFL scouting combine performance. At 6-4, 215 pounds, Collins posted a 4.43-second 40-yard dash, 6.71-second three-cone time and 4.32-second 20-yard shuttle. The 6-3, 220-pound Boykin's numbers: 4.42 seconds, 6.77 seconds and 4.07 seconds, respectively.

Collins, who led the Big Ten with 19.7 yards per catch in 2019 (37 receptions for 729 yards and seven touchdowns), has long been considered a borderline Day 2 pick. But his size, speed and big-play potential could land him higher than Boykin's No. 93 draft slot.

Wisconsin-Whitewater OG/C Quinn Meinerz

One of the draft's highest-rising prospects, the 6-3, 320-pound Meinerz showed his ability at the Senior Bowl and his athleticism at his Pro Day. His marks in the vertical jump, broad jump, 40-yard dash (4.86 seconds), 20-yard shuttle and three-cone-drill were all above the 90th percentile for interior offensive line prospects.

Meinerz, who didn't have a 2020 season because of the coronavirus pandemic, was a trendy mid-round pick ahead of his breakout Senior Bowl, but the Division III All-American has found himself in the second round of some recent mock drafts. He played left guard for the Warhawks but could be better off at center in the NFL.

Oklahoma C Creed Humphrey

Humphrey didn't allow a sack over three seasons with the Sooners, according to Pro Football Focus. Then he put together what Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley called "one of the more impressive individual Pro Day workouts I've seen." Humphrey's shuttle-drill time was faster than wide receiver Jerry Jeudy's at the 2020 scouting combine, and his marks in the vertical jump, broad jump and bench press would've ranked among the best at his position last year.

Centers rarely go early in the draft, and Humphrey's range in mock drafts speaks to that uncertainty. In some projections, he's off the board in the early 20s. In others, he's still available entering the third round.

Alabama OT/OG Alex Leatherwood

Leatherwood started at left tackle in 2019 and 2020 for the Crimson Tide, but his best days at the next level might be at guard, where he started his college career. Either way, his athletic testing impressed. Leatherwood recorded a 4.96-second 40-yard dash (94th percentile among tackles), a 98th-percentile wingspan, a 98th-percentile vertical jump and a 99th-percentile broad jump. He didn't partake in any agility drills.

A deep tackle class will likely keep the 6-5, 312-pound Leatherwood out of the first round, but he's expected to be taken in the second.

Miami EDGE Jaelan Phillips

Already one of college football's most productive pass rushers — he ranked sixth in the Football Bowl Subdivision with 15 ½ tackles for loss and had a team-high eight sacks in 10 games — Phillips stole the show at the Hurricanes' Pro Day. Among edge rushers, he ranked in the 90th percentile in broad jump, the 93rd percentile in the 40-yard dash (4.56 seconds) and the 96th percentile in the 20-yard shuttle.

At 6-6, 260 pounds, Phillips is considered a first-round lock, with some recent mock drafts having him taken as early as No. 11, and others picking him to fall past the Ravens.

Penn State EDGE Jayson Oweh

Want to make people forget about a 2020 season that was teeming with potential but lacking in pass-rush production? Put together a freakish Pro Day. Oweh ran a 4.36-second 40-yard dash, posted a 134-inch broad jump and finished the three-cone drill in 6.83 seconds — all marks in the 98th percentile or better for edge rushers.

The 6-5, 257-pound Oweh ended his Nittany Lions career with just seven career sacks over three seasons, including none last year. But with his immense athletic potential and run-stopping ability (6 ½ tackles for loss last season), there's little chance he makes it to the second round.

Texas EDGE Joseph Ossai

Ossai didn't partake in any agility drills at the Longhorns' Pro Day, but he left no doubt of his explosive traits, posting a 41 ½-inch vertical jump and nearly 11-foot broad jump, elite numbers for an edge rusher. He also ran a 4.65-second 40-yard dash at 6-4, 256 pounds.

A converted off-ball linebacker, Ossai tied for third in the FBS with 16 tackles for loss and led Texas with 5 ½ sacks in nine starts last season. He could be an option for the Ravens late in the second round, but he could move up to the top-50 range before long.

Falling

Purdue WR Rondale Moore

Moore's performance at the Boilermakers' Pro Day didn't disappoint. He posted a 4.29-second 40-yard dash and a 42 ½-inch vertical, and while he didn't do the bench press for scouts, he shared a video of him putting up 24 reps. But his height was hard to ignore: 5-7. That's in the first percentile among wide receivers.

Moore's size isn't disqualifying, but it will probably keep him out of the first round. And it could knock him behind another small speedster, Elijah Moore, in the second round.

Michigan OT Jalen Mayfield

Considered a potential late-first-round prospect, Mayfield didn't wow with his workout numbers. At 6-5, 326 pounds, he ran a 5.31-second 40-yard dash, posted below-average numbers for a tackle in the broad jump and 20-yard shuttle and didn't do the bench press.

If it wasn't already clear, the Wolverines' Pro Day showed that Mayfield's future is likely at right tackle, the less glamorous of the bookend positions. He's shown enough on tape that he could still sneak into the first round, but a fall to the middle of the second round isn't out of the question.

Miami EDGE Gregory Rousseau

Rousseau looked the part of a future star in 2019, when he finished behind only Chase Young in the FBS in sacks (15 ½). But he opted out of the 2020 season and didn't create much buzz at his Pro Day. The 6-7, 266-pound Rousseau wasn't especially explosive (4.69-second 40-yard dash, 30-inch vertical jump) or especially strong (21 repetitions of 225 pounds on the bench press).

His size, versatility and first step still might be enough for an NFL team to take him in the first round, but Rousseau seems more and more likely to be selected after Phillips, his fellow Hurricanes pass rusher.

'With The No. 27 Pick, The Ravens Select …': 10 Players Who Make Sense If They're Available

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Three weeks from now, the Ravens' draft board will be set. When they're officially on the clock with the 27th overall pick on April 29, the hard work will already be done. They'll wait several minutes to see if the phone rings with any intriguing trade offers. If it doesn't, they'll select the top player remaining on their board.

It sounds simple, but that's how the Ravens do business during the draft. They stick to their board and the best-player-available approach. That's not to say they ignore needs. They just rarely chase them. That, and uncertainty about what the teams in front of them will do, is why it's so difficult to predict how the Ravens will use the No. 27 pick or even whether they'll stay in that spot. Ravens general manager Eric DeCosta loves moving around the draft board.

The Ravens' needs are well established. They're still looking to upgrade their interior offensive line mix, but they probably wouldn't dismiss the idea of an early-round tackle given Orlando Brown Jr.'s tenuous status. A case could be made that a dynamic edge rusher is their biggest need, but the Ravens are always looking to add to their defensive backfield. And, there's always the wide receiver position.

It's still a bit early to have a strong feel for the players the Ravens might be choosing from at No. 27. Some players rise, others fall, and the media's perception of certain players doesn't always match the opinion of NFL front offices. However, from studying various mock drafts and prospect rankings and knowing the Ravens' draft habits and how they evaluate players, it's conceivable to break out a list of 10 players who could factor into their first-round decision-making.

Rashod Bateman, WR, Minnesota

College numbers: In 31 games spanning three seasons, Bateman had 147 catches for 2,395 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Why it makes sense: At 6-foot and 190 pounds, Bateman is the type of big, physical and fast target the Ravens lack on the outside. He was extremely productive at Minnesota, averaging 16.3 yards per catch, and he erased any concerns about his speed by running a 4.39 40-yard dash at his pro day last week. He makes plays in the intermediate areas of the field, and he has also shown an ability to get behind a defense. He's the kind of receiver the Ravens should be coveting.

Why it may not: This is an extremely deep wide receiver draft, and the Ravens may feel they can get a comparable receiver on Day 2 and target another need in the first round. DeCosta has taken four receivers in the past two drafts, including three within the first three rounds, so there could be a hesitance to invest another premium draft pick in a position that the run-first team doesn't fully utilize. Some scouts have expressed concern about Bateman's struggles against bigger, more talented cornerbacks in college, and opinion seems to be mixed on whether he's a definitive first-rounder. The Athletic's lead draft writer, Dane Brugler, ranks Bateman as the 42nd overall player and the sixth-best receiver. Daniel Jeremiah, NFL Network's lead draft analyst, ranks Bateman 48th overall and has six receivers and two tight ends ahead of him.

Zaven Collins, LB, Tulsa

College numbers: The three-year starter had 236 career tackles, 25 tackles for loss, 7 1/2 sacks and five interceptions.

Why it makes sense: Ravens defensive coordinator Don "Wink" Martindale loves versatile players, and the 6-foot-4, 260-pound Collins is big enough to take on guards inside, explosive enough to rush from off the edge and quick enough to stay with running backs and tight ends in pass coverage. He also has a knack for making big plays, as he had four sacks, four interceptions, two forced fumbles and two defensive touchdowns for Tulsa in an extremely productive final college season. Collins would probably fit in at the strongside linebacker spot for the Ravens, where they lost Matthew Judon but retained Tyus Bowser.

Why it may not: It's not an exact comparison, but it seems Collins would be asked to do similar things for the Ravens to what Bowser already does. The Ravens are thin at the outside linebacker spot, but what they mostly lack there are dynamic pass-rushing skills. Collins certainly has pass-rush ability, but the strength of his game is in its versatility, not in terrorizing quarterbacks. Collins seems to be a favorite among NFL defensive coaches, so there's a chance he won't be available when the Ravens are on the clock anyway.

Landon Dickerson, C/G, Alabama

College numbers: Dickerson began his career at Florida State and started 11 games in three injury-marred seasons, seeing action at right guard, left guard and right tackle. He transferred to Alabama and started 24 games, most of them at center, over two seasons.

Why it makes sense: If you toss out the injury and durability concerns, Dickerson is a first-round lock who would be gone well before the Ravens are on the clock. He checks every box from a play and personality standpoint, and he'd be a Day 1 starter for the Ravens and the final piece of a much-improved offensive interior. Dickerson's size (6-foot-6, 333 pounds) and athleticism would make for a seamless transition into the Ravens' run-heavy approach. He also is widely praised for his intelligence and leadership skills.

Why it may not: Injuries. That's really the only blemish on Dickerson's draft stock. He had significant ankle issues at Florida State and tore his ACL while playing for Alabama last December. Whether it's late first or early to mid-second round, somebody is going to overlook the injury concerns and take a chance on him. He's that good. The Ravens will just have to decide whether they are comfortable enough with his health to be that team.

Jaycee Horn, CB, South Carolina

College numbers: Horn had two interceptions, 23 pass breakups, three sacks and 69 tackles in three seasons at South Carolina.

Why it makes sense: The Ravens love long, physical and fast cornerbacks, and Horn, the son of former Saints receiver Joe Horn, fits that profile. At 6-foot-1 and 205 pounds, Horn has the ideal body type for an outside corner who excels in press-man coverage. He combines that with speed, strength and physicality. The Ravens' cornerback depth chart is loaded, but Jimmy Smith, a player Horn has been compared to, and Tavon Young are major injury concerns. Every year, the Ravens struggle to keep their cornerbacks healthy, which is why team decision-makers abide by the philosophy that they can never have enough quality corners.

Why it may not: Given the team's needs elsewhere, it would be a tough sell to use its first-round pick on another cornerback. The Ravens already have Marlon Humphrey, Marcus Peters, Anthony Averett and Smith on the outside and a few young options behind them. Horn is also viewed as one of the top defensive players in the draft. There's some uncertainty about where the cornerbacks will come off, but it's a good bet Horn will be taken with a top-25 pick.

Teven Jenkins, OT, Oklahoma State

College numbers: Jenkins started for parts of three seasons at Oklahoma State, primarily playing right tackle.

Why it makes sense: With left tackle Ronnie Stanley coming back from a major ankle injury and Brown wanting a trade, the Ravens have questions at both tackle spots in the present and future. Stanley is said to be making good progress and there is optimism he'll be ready for Week 1, and the trade market for Brown has been tepid, making it more likely he'll remain with the Ravens for at least one more season. The Ravens, however, could target Brown's ultimate replacement a year early and even opt to play Jenkins at guard for a year before he takes over at tackle. At 6-foot-5 and 310 pounds, Jenkins is big and nasty. He has an NFL-ready body and demeanor. He'd be a nice piece to add to an offensive line that is still under construction.

Why it may not: Jenkins is a polarizing prospect in some respects. Some evaluators are concerned about his less-than-ideal arm length for a tackle and some issues with range and balance. He's not a lock to be drafted in the first round. If the Ravens are convinced they are keeping Brown for another year, they might prefer attacking a more immediate need at left guard/center, depending on where Bradley Bozeman plays.

Terrace Marshall, WR, LSU

College numbers: In 28 games spanning three seasons, Marshall had 106 catches for 1,594 yards and 23 touchdowns for the Tigers.

Why it makes sense: Marshall has been the player most often connected with the Ravens in the various mock drafts because his combination of size (6-foot-2, 205 pounds) and speed (he ran a 4.34 in the 40 last week at LSU's pro day) is something they badly need in a receiver. Marshall was a big-play machine for the Tigers with 23 touchdowns over his final two college seasons. He has a wide catch radius and an ability to make tough, contested receptions and is also a vertical home run threat. ESPN draft analyst Todd McShay recently called taking Marshall a "no-brainer" decision for the Ravens.

Why it may not: For the same reasons we discussed above with Bateman. How confident are the Ravens in their ability to develop and get the most out of a first-round-receiver investment? Also, do they feel it would be smarter to wait on a receiver because of the depth at the position in this draft class? There are also some questions about Marshall's effort level, as he appeared disinterested at times last season and didn't always look like he was engaged, particularly when the ball wasn't coming his way. For a Ravens team that asks its receivers to block a lot, that could be an issue.

Trevon Moehrig, S, TCU

College numbers: A three-year starter, Moehrig tallied 85 career tackles, seven interceptions, 21 pass breakups and two forced fumbles.

Why it makes sense: Moehrig is arguably the top safety in the draft, and he'd be the quintessential best-player-available selection for the Ravens. However, a playmaking safety is an underrated need for the Ravens, too. Their safety tandem of Chuck Clark and DeShon Elliott combined for just eight pass breakups and one interception last season. Moehrig is a ball magnet. He's rangy, athletic and opportunistic. The addition of a player of his caliber would give Martindale more flexibility, and the Ravens would already have a potential replacement if Elliott leaves in free agency next offseason.

Why it may not: It's possible the Ravens might not be able to resist filling what they perceive as a bigger need at receiver, edge rusher or along the offensive line. Moehrig also has a reputation for being a gambler and lacking discipline at times. Some evaluators prefer UCF's Richie Grant. The Ravens could hold off on adding a safety until Day 2 or 3 of the draft.

Azeez Ojulari, OLB, Georgia

College numbers: Ojulari played parts of three seasons at Georgia, finishing his career with 15 sacks and 18 1/2 tackles for loss.

Why it makes sense: The Ravens lost their top two pass rushers this offseason when Judon and Yannick Ngakoue departed in free agency. A dynamic pass rusher off the edge is probably the team's most obvious need. The Ravens put a premium on production when evaluating pass-rush prospects, and Ojulari was extremely productive last season with 9 1/2 sacks and four forced fumbles in just 12 games. He'd provide much-needed youth and explosiveness at outside linebacker.

Why it may not: Some draft pundits have Ojulari as the top edge rusher in a very solid class. Others have expressed concerns about his size and physicality. The Ravens want their outside linebackers to set a solid edge in the run game. Ojulari is just 249 pounds, so he doesn't profile as a stout run defender on the edge. The Ravens may not have a choice to make, as Ojulari is viewed in many circles as a top-20 pick.

Jaelan Phillips, OLB, Miami

College numbers: Phillips started his college career at UCLA and had 4 1/2 sacks in two seasons before finishing it at Miami. In one season with the Hurricanes, he had eight sacks, 15 1/2 tackles for loss and an interception.

Why it makes sense: Few college edge rushers were as productive last season as Phillips. He has the size and explosiveness to develop into a frontline pass rusher in the NFL. He has the speed and quickness to get to the quarterback off the edge, and he's strong enough to move

inside as well. As far as upside, he probably has more of it than any other pass rusher in the draft class. The Ravens haven't picked a first-round outside linebacker since Terrell Suggs in 2003, but Phillips is a worthy candidate to end that streak.

Why it may not: As with Dickerson, injuries and durability questions are the only things keeping Phillips from being a top-25 lock. Phillips has had multiple concussions and also dealt with extensive ankle injuries earlier in his college career. The Ravens would have to be comfortable with his medicals to take him in the first round. There are enough quality pass rushers in this draft that the Ravens can afford to be choosy.

Gregory Rousseau, OLB, Miami

College numbers: He opted out this past season, but in 2019, Rousseau had 15 1/2 sacks and 19 1/2 tackles for loss in 13 games.

Why it makes sense: Again, from a production standpoint, Rousseau put up eye-popping numbers in essentially one full college season. Only Ohio State's Chase Young had more sacks in 2019. Rousseau plays with great energy and effort, and he has a knack for getting to the quarterback. At 6-foot-7 and 266 pounds, Rousseau also has the ability to move inside and rush, and that will be viewed as a major plus by the Ravens coaching staff.

Why it may not: The Ravens will have to be comfortable with doing some significant projecting with Rousseau because he didn't play last season. That and an uneven performance at Miami's pro day certainly could impact his status, and it's not impossible he falls into the second round. The Ravens aren't afraid to roll the dice on a pass rusher later in the draft.

Others worth mentioning: Christian Barmore, DT, Alabama; Christian Darrisaw, OT, Virginia Tech; Alex Leatherwood, G/T, Alabama; Jayson Oweh, OLB, Penn State; Kadarius Toney, WR, Florida.

How Free Agent Moves Could Affect Ravens' Draft Plans

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Regardless of how you feel about the Ravens' offseason moves so far, it's too early to make a final judgment. You shouldn't decide if you like a book or not after reading just one chapter. The Ravens' offseason plan is still playing out.

While the Ravens' reported interest in free agent wide receiver Sammy Watkins has created a buzz, the draft has always been the nucleus of the Ravens' offseason roster building. Their past four drafts have yielded an impressive list of players that includes Lamar Jackson, Marlon Humphrey, Mark Andrews, Orlando Brown Jr., Patrick Queen, Marquise "Hollywood" Brown, J.K. Dobbins, Tyus Bowser, Chuck Clark, Bradley Bozeman, DeShon Elliott, Justin Madubuike and Anthony Averett.

How will the Ravens' free agent moves so far impact their 2021 draft plans? Here are some takeaways.

Signing Kevin Zeitler likely decreased the odds of an offensive lineman coming to Baltimore in Round 1.

Acquiring Zeitler early in free agency solidified the right guard spot. The position was unsettled last season in the first year after Marshal

Yanda's retirement, with Tyre Phillips, Patrick Mekari, D.J. Fluker and Ben Powers all starting at various points. Zeitler has started 134 games at right guard during his nine-year career, so that need has been addressed.

There are still questions to answer along the offensive line. We still don't know if Brown, a Pro Bowl tackle, will be traded before the season due to his desire to play left tackle. We still don't know if Bozeman will move from left guard to center.

Former Ravens center Matt Skura signed with the Miami Dolphins, and some highly-touted offensive centers could still be available when the Ravens pick at No. 27, including Landon Dickerson of Alabama or Creed Humphrey of Oklahoma.

However, adding Zeitler gives the Ravens more leeway to bypass an offensive lineman early. They could still find a potential starting guard or center on Day 2, while addressing another position like wide receiver or pass rusher in Round 1. Drafting an offensive lineman Day 1 would become even less of a priority if Brown remains with the Ravens for another season. An offensive line that includes Pro Bowl tackles Brown and Ronnie Stanley, plus Zeitler and Bozeman could be one of the best in the NFL. Zeitler has been an excellent pass protector during his career, and if the offensive line provides Jackson with more time to throw, the Ravens believe it will result in more big plays in the passing game.

Drafting more than one edge rusher is a possibility.

It was no surprise that Baltimore lost three players in free agency who played big roles in their pass rush - Matthew Judon, Yannick Ngakoue and Jihad Ward. They combined for 12 sacks last season, making it obvious the pass rush will be addressed in some way before Week 1.

Some well-known free agent pass rushers like Jadeveon Clowney, Carlos Dunlap, Justin Houston, Melvin Ingram, Ryan Kerrigan, Aldon Smith and Olivier Vernon are still available. With that many on the market, the Ravens can afford to be patient and see what the draft brings them.

This year's draft class is deep in pass rushers. With seven picks overall, the Ravens may take more than one pass rusher. Edge rushers who have been linked to the Ravens in mock drafts include Zaven Collins of Tulsa, Jayson Oweh of Penn State and Joseph Ossai of Texas.

Overall, the Ravens defense remains solid. They have a strong defensive line led by Calais Campbell, Brandon Williams, and Derek Wolfe. Their secondary may be the deepest in the NFL. They still have depth at inside linebacker led by Queen, Malik Harrison and Board, despite the reported decision not to pick up L.J. Fort's contract option.

That gives them the luxury to draft young, situational pass rushers, even raw pass rushers that may need to work on other parts of their game.

Even if the Ravens sign a veteran like Sammy Watkins, another rookie wide receiver could be on the way.

In his first two years as general manager, Eric DeCosta has drafted four wide receivers – Marquise Brown, Miles Boykin, Devin Duvernay and James Proche. Some fans had angst about the Ravens not signing a wide receiver during the first week of free agency. However, Baltimore reportedly made an offer to JuJu Smith-Schuster before he re-signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers, while free agent wide receiver Sammy Watkins reportedly spent Tuesday visiting the Ravens.

ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper believes wide receiver is the deepest position in this year's draft, and both Kiper and his ESPN colleague Todd McShay are bullish on the Ravens taking LSU prospect Terrace Marshall Jr. at No. 27.

The Ravens traded for a pass-catching tight end last week, acquiring Josh Oliver from the Jacksonville Jaguars. But Oliver has played just four games in two seasons, plagued by injuries, and there is no guarantee he will make the team.

Baltimore is committed to improving its passing game, and signing Watkins or trading for a veteran wide receiver remains a possibility. However, drafting at least one wide receiver could be part of the offseason game plan again.

Ravens Will Have 'Boom Or Bust' Edge Rushers To Pick From In Draft

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With four outside linebackers as pending free agents, the Ravens have a lot of moving pieces at the position.

But one thing the Ravens can count on, regardless of who or how many edge defenders they lose, is that there will be plenty of talented pass rushers available early in the draft. The trick for any team will be picking the right one.

"I do think any of the pass rushers you look at all come with some concern that gives you a little bit of a boom-bust question mark there," ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. said this week.

Here are some of the prospects Kiper pointed to as late first-round or early second-round edge rushers:

Kwity Paye, Michigan

He has ideal size for the Ravens' system at 6-foot-4, 272 pounds, has freakish athletic tools and versatility to play defensive end or stand-up outside linebacker. However, he didn't post eye-popping production (6.5 sacks as a junior and two sacks in four games as a senior). It just may take a little more time for him to fully develop. "He should test tremendously well. I love the intensity he plays with," Kiper said.

Gregory Rousseau, Miami

Standing in at 6-foot-7, Rousseau's length immediately jumps out. So did his freshman production with 15.5 sacks and 19.5 tackles for loss. But after opting out of his sophomore year, the tape is limited and he is now more of a projection. Rousseau doesn't show great burst off the snap but uses his hands well and closes quickly with that long frame.

Jaelan Phillips, Miami

Another big-bodied Miami defender, Phillips stepped in for Rousseau in 2020 and picked up where he left off with eight sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss in 10 games. He shows a strong all-around game in pass rush and run defense and stands in at 6-foot-5, 266 pounds. There are question marks, however, after concussions led the former No. 1-overall high school recruit and UCLA Bruin to medically retire for a year before returning, and starring, at Miami.

"I'm not as high on Gregory Rousseau as some people are. I actually like Phillips better, but Rousseau may [be drafted] a little ahead of him," Kiper said.

Zaven Collins, Tulsa

Collins is more of a tweener between inside and outside linebacker than a pure edge, but that versatility can also make him more desirable. In just eight games, he had four sacks and four interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns. He's very big for an off-ball linebacker at 6-foot-4, 260 pounds, yet fast and excellent in coverage. That combination is rare for his position.

"He was making tackles all over the field, getting into the backfield. He wasn't a sack artist, but he was a rangy guy," Kiper said.

Azeez Ojulari, Georgia

Ojulari checks just about every box except size, and he uses that to his advantage. At 6-foot-3, 240 pounds, Ojulari doesn't have the size of some of the other edge defenders in this group, but still plays with plenty of power and explosion. His flashes run defense potential, but at his core, Ojulari is a pass rush specialist somewhat in the mold of Yannick Ngakoue. He dominated his competition as an edge rusher, including some of his most talented foes.

Jayson Oweh, Penn State

With 6-foot-5, 252-pound length and bulk and plenty of explosiveness, Oweh is one of the most intriguing prospects in the class. The head-scratcher is that despite those great traits, he didn't log a single sack in seven games last season and posted just seven sacks over his three seasons.

Joe Tryon, Washington

Another 2020 opt-out, Tryon will enter the draft with a resume featuring a strong sophomore season in which he posted 41 tackles, 12.5 for loss and eight sacks. He has great size at 6-foot-4, 251 pounds, scheme versatility, and a well-rounded attack. Tryon plays with a lot physicality and effort. However, he has had just one full season as a college starter.

Joseph Ossai, Texas

Ossai is another polished pass rusher at 6-foot-4, 250 pounds with many tools in his belt and can line up in a variety of spots. A Nigerian immigrant who found football late, Ossai became a well-liked and respected leader at Texas.